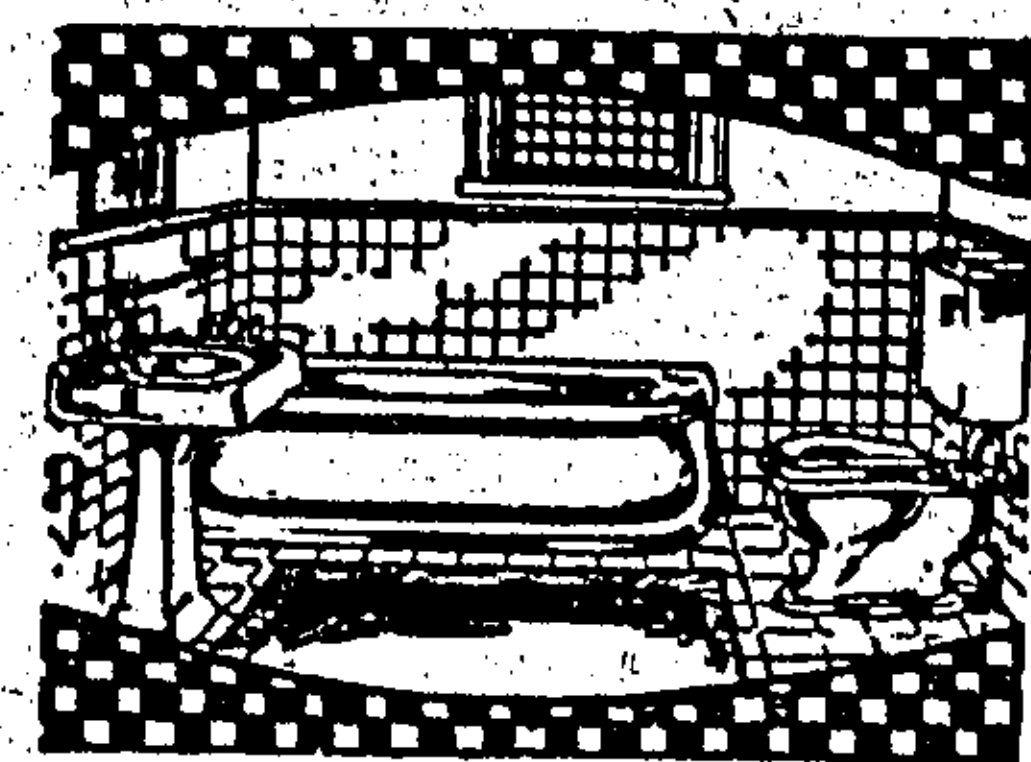


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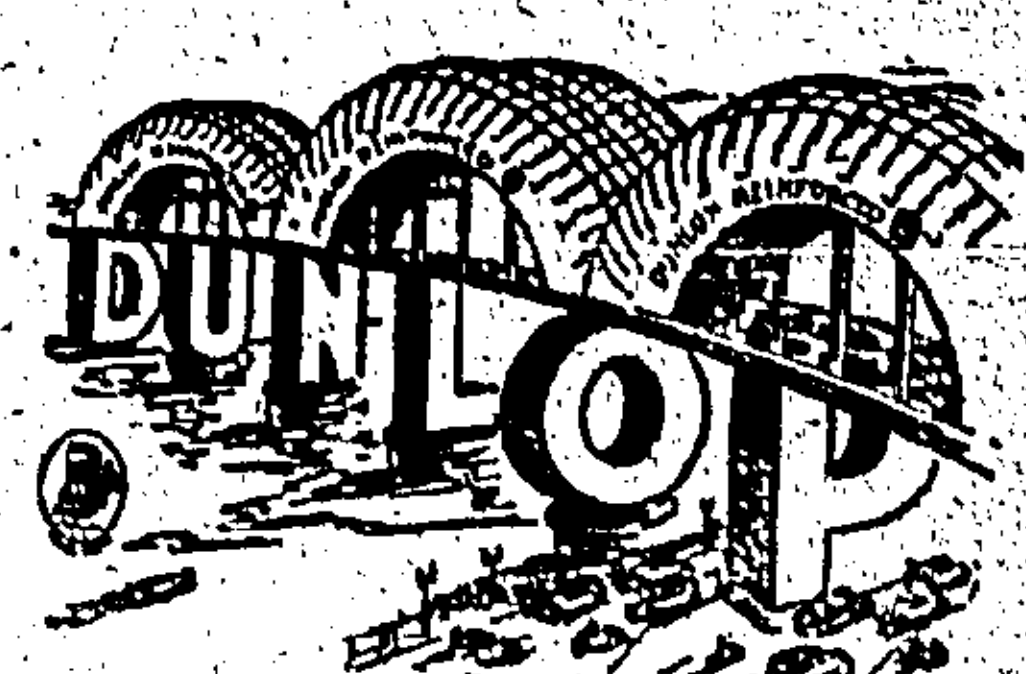
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CAPTAIN AUCLERC RELEASED.

EXCITING STORY OF ADVENTURES.

SEQUEL TO FRENCH PLANE CRASH IN KWANGSI.

COLLEAGUE'S DEATH.

Captain Auclerc, the French military aviator, who was captured in Kwangsi when the plane in which he was flying as observer crashed recently, has been released on payment of the ransom of \$20,000 demanded, according to information reaching the Colony this morning. It will be recalled that a would-be rescue party was attacked by Chinese troops.

The death of the pilot, Captain Baronna, is confirmed by the released officer, who says that his colleague's parachute failed to open.

In an account of his adventures, Captain Auclerc said Captain Baronna was piloting the machine near Langson, when oil leaked out from the tank and the plane caught fire.

Companion's Death.

An explosion and the total wrecking of the plane appeared imminent, and the aviator prepared their parachutes and jumped out.

Captain Auclerc believes the mishap to have occurred some ten miles south of the Chinese town of Ning Ming. His parachute functioning, he floated down to safety, and while doing so, witnessed the tragedy of his companion hurtling to his death.

The latter's parachute did not open and he fell into a river.

While searching for the spot where Captain Baronna had dropped, Capt. Auclerc was seen and chased by a band of Chinese. Their actions hinted that they were not cherishing any great sympathy for his unfortunate position, and, sensing danger, Captain Auclerc took to his heels.

Burnt Out of Hiding.

The fugitive jumped into the river and clung to bushes which overhung the water. There for some time he remained concealed. He was, however, forced to show himself when his pursuers, unable to find him, set fire to the bushes. "A circle of Celestials immediately formed itself of which I was the centre," ironically commented the Captain on arriving at this point in his narrative. Some of the men drew revolvers, and pointed them at him, but he greeted them with a smile and they became less menacing.

They took his watch and experiencing difficulty in wrenching a ring from his finger, made an alarming sign of cutting the finger away as well. The victim then took the ring off, and gave it to them.

Uniform Taken Away.

Finding nothing else of value, they divested him completely of his uniform, but permitted him to retain his B.V.D.s. In that condition, he was driven, at the point of the revolver, to a village nearby, and held a prisoner.

The following day, he endeavoured in English and Annamese to make himself understood to the Chinese, and after considerable gesticulation, he succeeded, a messenger being dispatched to the French frontier with news of his plight.

Three days after he had fallen into the hands of the Chinese, Captain Auclerc received a note from Lieutenant Graman, in charge of the military post at Na Lang. There followed negotiations about which the captive had very little information from his captors; then on Friday the day preceding his release, Captain Auclerc was informed that he would be led back to the French garrison at Langson.

Escort's Fears.

An animated discussion occurred amongst the escort on the journey to the French frontier. Apparently, fearing an attack by another band of robbers, they thought of changing their original plans, and instead of leading Captain Auclerc to the frontier, to (Continued on Page 14.)

NEW ANGLE OF THE HANAU AFFAIR.

THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ENTERED.

HER ESCAPE AIDED.

Paris, Mar. 24. New angles have been given to the sensational escape from Cochin Hospital of Madame Hanau, as the result of police investigations into the affair.

It is revealed that Madame Hanau dropped from the window into the hospital grounds, not with the aid of hospital sheets, but by means of a rope of sheets provided from outside.

It has further been discovered that after walking out of the gates, Madame Hanau entered a private car which was waiting for her. This car took her to a place close to St. Lazare Prison, and she hailed a taxi-cab to take her the remainder of the way.

As far as can be gathered, the police have not been able to trace Madame Hanau's accomplices.

Later. The Minister of Justice's mail this morning included a letter containing the key belonging to a cupboard in the Public Prosecutor's Office, from which papers relating to Madame Hanau's investment trust papers disappeared last night.

The police are investigating how Madame Hanau spent the hour which intervened between the time of her escape from hospital until she arrived at St. Lazare Prison. Madame Hanau, with her four male accomplices, comes up for trial on Saturday next.—*Reuter*.

FRENCHMAN STILL MISSING.

SEEN TWICE IN KOWLOON YESTERDAY.

But for two instances yesterday, nothing further has been seen or heard of Mr. Charles Moureaux, the Frenchman who made a dramatic jump from the first floor of the Peninsula Hotel yesterday morning and then suddenly disappeared along Nathan Road.

Later in the day he was known to have approached a resident in Pratt Building, Kowloon, from whom he wished to purchase a pair of shoes. He was denied the request and then asked to be allowed to telephone, but the house not being connected by telephone, he was again disappointed.

Last night, a foreigner was seen walking in Jordan Road, Yaumati, without a hat, coat or shoes and stockings. There is little doubt that he was Mr. Moureaux, but by the time the police were notified he had gone in an unknown direction and could not be traced. He has not been seen or heard of since.

THE INDIAN BUDGET SURPRISE.

PASSES ASSEMBLY WITHOUT DIVISION.

Now Delhi, Mar. 24. The Legislative Assembly today passed, without a division, the third reading of the Finance Bill, which provides for new import duties on cotton goods, a preference for 5 per cent. to British cotton goods, a duty of silver, and other important new measures.

Sir George Schuster made an appeal to the Assembly before the question of a division was raised. "Give me a chance," he said. "Pass these taxes and see what comes of them."

Sir George Schuster added that if the small oil companies proved that they were hard hit by the rearrangement of the import and excise duties, they would be given special relief.

He also promised to do his utmost to assist the Indian sugar industry.—*Reuter*.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central to the east of Vladivostok. Light variable winds along the S.E. coast of China and moderate to light monsoon over the N. China Sea. The local forecast is:—N.E. or variable winds, moderate to light; fine to cloudy.

MIXED SIGNATURE ALLEGATIONS.

MORTGAGE DISPUTE QUESTIONS.

PLAINTIFF WHO SIGNED FOUR NAMES ON ASSIGNMENT.

MR. M. W. LO'S POSITION

Curious revelations were made in the action brought by Li Po-kwai, No. 1, Seymour Terrace, against his son, Li Nga-ching, who cannot be found, and Tsang Chuen, to recover property at No. 18 and No. 20 Wing Kut Street, alleged to have been wrongfully mortgaged by the son, when the case was resumed in the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

Plaintiff's case is that he assigned the property to himself in the name Li Kan and his son Li Nga-ching without the son's knowledge, in order to "mark the property out," but that the son subsequently mortgaged it without his father's consent and cannot now be located.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings, Dennis and Bowley, is for plaintiff, and the defence is being conducted by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, of Messrs. D'Almada and Mason.

Received No Money.

This morning, Mr. Alabaster continued his cross-examination of plaintiff and when he re-entered the witness box he was handed the assignment concerning second defendant. Plaintiff agreed that in that assignment he acknowledged receipt of \$16,000 for which consideration he had assigned the whole of his interest in Nos. 18 and 20 Wing Kut Street, but, he added, that he had not, in fact, received the money.

You got someone to witness that you had received the money on that day?—It is so stated here but I never received any money.

Four Signatories.

Referring to the signatures, Mr. Alabaster pointed out regarding the signatures of the vendors that Li Hung-cheung and Li Po-kwai were signed in Chinese while Li Kan and Li Nga-ching were signed in English. Council suggested that plaintiff signed the names in that manner because he wished it to be understood by people reading the document that they were different people.

This was denied by plaintiff. Mr. Alabaster:—They would think that one man preferred to write his name in English and the other preferred Chinese?—No.

Plaintiff continued that he signed all four names himself. When he felt like signing in Chinese he did so and he signed in English when he felt like it.

Answering further questions, plaintiff stated that Li Kan was his "milk" name, given to him when he was a baby. He was given the name Li Hung-cheung at school and he was called Li Po-kwai after leaving school, that being the name by which he was generally known to the public. He went on to say that he caused the assignment to be registered at the Land Office and signed the memorial in his own handwriting.

Assigned To Himself?

Mr. Alabaster:—Then you acknowledge there has been an assignment by Li Hung-cheung and Li Po-kwai as vendors to Li Kan and Li Nga-ching, purporting to be two other people?—Yes.

You understand that this is a public document, registered in a public office, available for people to search?—I don't know the regulations of the Land Office.

Plaintiff agreed that he put an advertisement in a newspaper which he signed as Li Po-kwai. He added that people who read it would understand that Li Kan and Li Hung-cheung were his aliases. He selected the wording himself which concerned his power to cancel the allotment of certain property to certain people, and said he had no power to cancel assignments to outside people but he had power to cancel an assignment (Continued on Page 14.)

FLOWER SELLERS TO MOVE.

LEAVING WYNDHAM STREET AFTER 50 YEARS.

ON LAN STREET SITE.

After to-day, the reason for designating Wyndham Street by the alternative name of Flower Street will disappear, for the flower-sellers who have had their stands at the foot of this thoroughfare for at least fifty years will to-night move into On Lan Street, which is situated a little further up the slope, on the left-hand side going upwards.

The move is necessitated by work having commenced on the demolition of Yee Sang Fat Building, which is to make way for a fine modern structure in which a new cinema will be housed.

Since it became known that Yee Sang Fat Building was to be demolished, various suggestions have been made for the accommodation of the flower-sellers, whose business in the centre of the city always proves an attraction to visitors and, moreover, is found extremely accessible to residents.

Some little time ago, the police wrote to the Masonic authorities with a view to the possible use by the flower vendors of an area in front of the Masonic Hall, off Zetland Street. However, no reply was received, and it therefore became necessary to make other arrangements.

The move to On Lan Street is in the nature of an experiment. If it proves successful, the sellers will remain there; if not they may later on be moved to the top of D'Aguiar Street, at its junction with Wellington Street. While they remain in On Lan Street, their stalls will occupy the centre of the road, in order to prevent obstruction on the pavements.

A further condition laid down by the police is that the sellers may not make up wreaths at their new location, but will have to find premises elsewhere for this work.

It was at one time suggested that the sellers occupy a site at the foot of Battery Path, but owing to fears of obstruction this idea was turned down. It is possible, however, that if the On Lan Street or D'Aguiar Street sites prove unsuitable and the sellers apply to the Government, they might get an area allotted them at the top of Battery Path.

CHINA ANTI-PIRACY GUARDS.

DEPUTATION WAITS ON THE ADMIRALTY.

PROTECTION DEMAND.

London, Mar. 24. Although the arrangements for the supply of British troops to marchant shipping operating in the China Coast piracy zone are supposed to terminate on Tuesday next, the Government has made no announcement of its intentions regarding the representations recently made and which produced a promise to reconsider.

A deputation, representing the Mercantile Officers' Federation and the British shipping companies trading in Chinese waters, waited on Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, to demand adequate protection against piracy.

At question time in the House of Commons, the matter was raised by a member, and Mr. Ammon said that the cost of an adequate system of armed guards aboard ships if Marines were employed would be at least £80,000 per annum.

It has been suggested that a special anti-piracy corps should be organised and placed on board China coasters under the command of British N.C.O.s.—*Reuter*.

RELIEF OF FLOOD VICTIMS.

FRENCH CHAMBER GRANTS MILLIARD FRANCES.

Paris, Mar. 24. The Government's proposal to make a grant of a milliard francs for the relief of the flood sufferers in the South of France, was unanimously adopted by the Chamber to-day.—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI GAS CO. THREATENED.

CHINESE AUTHORITIES' ULTIMATUM.

SETTLEMENT OF TAX ISSUE DEMANDED.

"DRASTIC MEASURES."

Shanghai, Mar. 20.

Threatening to take "drastic measures without assuming any consequent responsibilities," the Bureau of Public Utilities of Greater Shanghai has addressed a strong note to the Shanghai Gas Company giving the Company three weeks more in which to settle the difficulty with the Chinese municipal authorities regarding the question of an annual contribution to the city treasury.

The Bureau, in a statement issued yesterday, declares that the Gas Company has been supplying gas to consumers in Chinese territory without undertaking any obligations in the form of annual contributions to the city treasury, and that the negotiations have been unnecessarily delayed.

Time-Limit Given.

Unless an understanding on this question is reached by April 9, action will be taken by the Chinese authorities.

The statement issued by the Bureau says:—The negotiations which have been carried on since last year between the City Government of Greater Shanghai and the Shanghai Gas Company for the conclusion of an agreement have come to a deadlock, owing to the procrastinating attitude on the part of the Company, and the Bureau of Public Utilities, under instructions from the Mayor, has addressed a strong note to the Company, demanding immediate consideration and full settlement of the question without further delay.

British Company.

For many years past, the Shanghai Gas Company, a British firm in the International Settlement, has been supplying gas to the consumers in the Chinese territory without undertaking any obligations to the City treasury in the form of annual contributions under former regime.

When the City Government of Greater Shanghai came into existence in 1927, the Bureau of Public Utilities was instructed to open negotiations with the Gas Company with a view to an understanding. Owing to unwillingness and repeated delay on the part of the company, the question has dragged on for more than a year until January 29 of this year when the parties agreed on the major points in the draft agreement.

Deadlock Reached.

Following the meeting, the Company was notified that final decision should be made before February 15. Unfortunately, the company failed to give a satisfactory reply on the day appointed, and in spite of repeated requests, nothing definite was heard from the Company, thereby causing a deadlock.

It is understood that a period of further three weeks is granted to the Company for re-consideration and the matter should be settled by April 9. Further delay on the part of the Company will be regarded as an indication of absolute insincerity by the Chinese authorities who will take drastic measures without assuming any consequent responsibilities.

PROPOSED FLIGHT TO ENGLAND.

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN'S VENTURE.

Sydney, Mar. 24. A twenty-year-old Australian airman, Mr. D. Smith, has just completed preparations for a flight to England. He has just arrived at Blackall, Queensland, with his machine and, if conditions are favourable, will set out immediately. He hopes to reach Calcutta, via Batavia, Singapore, and Bangkok, in three days.—*Reuter*.

NAVAL PESSIMISM DEPRECATED.

PREMIER STILL STRIVING FOR FULL AGREEMENT.

WAR RENUNCIATION!

London, Mar. 24.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, alluding to the present critical stage of the London Naval Conference in the course of a speech in London, deprecated the pessimistic view. "Far from failure," he said, "there is every indication that substantial progress is likely to be made in certain directions, and the Prime Minister is doing his utmost to secure a Five-Power Agreement."

Every country represented at one Conference recognised the genuine desire of Britain to help, said Mr. Alexander, and in the face of the solemn declaration renouncing war, signed by all of them, it was inconceivable that the countries represented in London with an express purpose should be unable to reach an agreement.

This evening, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had a long conversation with Signor Grandi, the chief Italian delegate, at the House of Commons. The general situation has undergone no change in the course of the day.

The French Minister of Marine, M. Dumesnil, has returned to London and the Colonial Minister, M. Pietri, is due to-morrow. The date of the return of M. Briand is not yet announced, but he is expected when his Parliamentary duties permit.

The King has presented the members of all the delegations to the Naval Conference with an autographed gramophone record of His Majesty's speech at the opening of the Conference on January 21st. Each record is contained in a royal blue leather case bearing the Royal Coat of Arms.—*British Wireless and Reuter*.

According to the newspapers, the proposed Anglo-American-Japanese Pact should be concluded, and the Naval Conference then adjourn for six months, in which the French and Italian Governments should try to reach an amicable understanding, each of them meanwhile to undertake not to build any ships.—*Reuter*.

TROTSKY A BROKEN MAN.

FRIENDS APPEAL TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT.

Berlin, Mar. 24.

M. Trotsky has been ill in Constantinople for some time past, and it is now reported that his condition is growing gradually worse.

It is learned to-day that he has telegraphed to his friends in Germany and elsewhere stating that the doctors have a very slight hope of saving his life unless he can take a drastic cure in Germany or France.

His friends, accordingly, have appealed to the German and other Governments for the grant of permission to Trotsky to take a cure, saying that he is prepared to pledge his abstention from political activities, which pledge, they say, is scarcely necessary as Trotsky has broken down completely, mentally and physically.—*Reuter*.

THE TARIFF TRUCE CONFERENCE.

THE DOCUMENT SIGNING CEREMONY.

Geneva, Mar. 24.

The final meeting of the Tariff Truce Conference was held to-day, the gathering being devoted to the signing of documents.

The first was a Convention for the maintenance of commercial treaties for a period of one year. This was signed by eleven out of the thirty participants, including Britain, France, Italy and Holland.

The second was a Protocol regarding a programme of future negotiations. This was signed by fifteen Powers.

Herr Molke, the chairman, in a farewell speech, said the results had not fulfilled his hopes or expectations. Nevertheless, they had taken a step towards economic understanding which others would doubtless follow.—*Reuter*.

ARMY ESTIMATES DEBATED.

PACIFIST THEORISTS CONFOUNDED.

NO FURTHER REDUCTIONS UNILATERALLY.

INDIA EXAGGERATION.

London, Mar. 24.

Emphasising the progressive reductions effected in British military forces and making it clear that no further sacrifices were contemplated, Mr. Tom Shaw, the Minister for War, introduced the Army Estimates in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Shaw said the Estimates amounted to £40,500,000, showing a net reduction of £605,000. The actual decrease in expenditure was £1,343,000, but this was largely counter-balanced by a diminution in receipts of £738,000. More than half the latter was accounted for by the loss of receipts to the Army Funds from Germany, through the evacuation of the Rhine. This loss in a full year would amount to £250,000.

The actual number of British forces, exclusive of India, was estimated at 148,900 compared with 641,000 in 1921 and 186,400 in 1914.

The Army in India.

As regards the sixty thousand men of the British Army in India, Mr. Shaw pointed out that actually there was one British soldier for every five thousand of the native population. He drew especial attention to these figures as he was afraid somewhat exaggerated opinions were held regarding the number of white troops in India.

Referring to a motion demanding annual extensive reductions in the Army, Mr. Shaw said the Prime Minister had specifically declared that this country stood for reduction of armaments by agreement. It was the method also of the League of Nations. It was assumed by some theorists and speculative philosophers, said Mr. Shaw, referring to the Labour Left Wing, that if we reduced considerably and consistently without regard to other nations we should help along general disarmament.

Theorists Confounded.

"Unfortunately the facts confound the theorists," said Mr. Shaw, amid loud cheers from the Opposition.

The Government, while not merely willing to take a part in an agreement for international disarmament, but to take the leading part, was not prepared at the present moment to go further in unilateral action. It seemed to him, if one thing had become clearer, than another since the war, it was that both economically and politically, whether we liked it or not, we were bound to an international system.

O.T.C. Grants.

With regard to the question as to whether public money should be spent on Officers' Training Corps, and Cadet Corps, at public schools, the War Secretary said he had come to a conclusion, on definite expert advice, that the Officers' Training Corps were really valuable organisations for providing the supply of officers.

So long as the Army existed on a voluntary basis there would have to be some such form of army recruiting. No compulsion was exercised by the Army Council or on the part of the Government to compel any boys to join these corps.

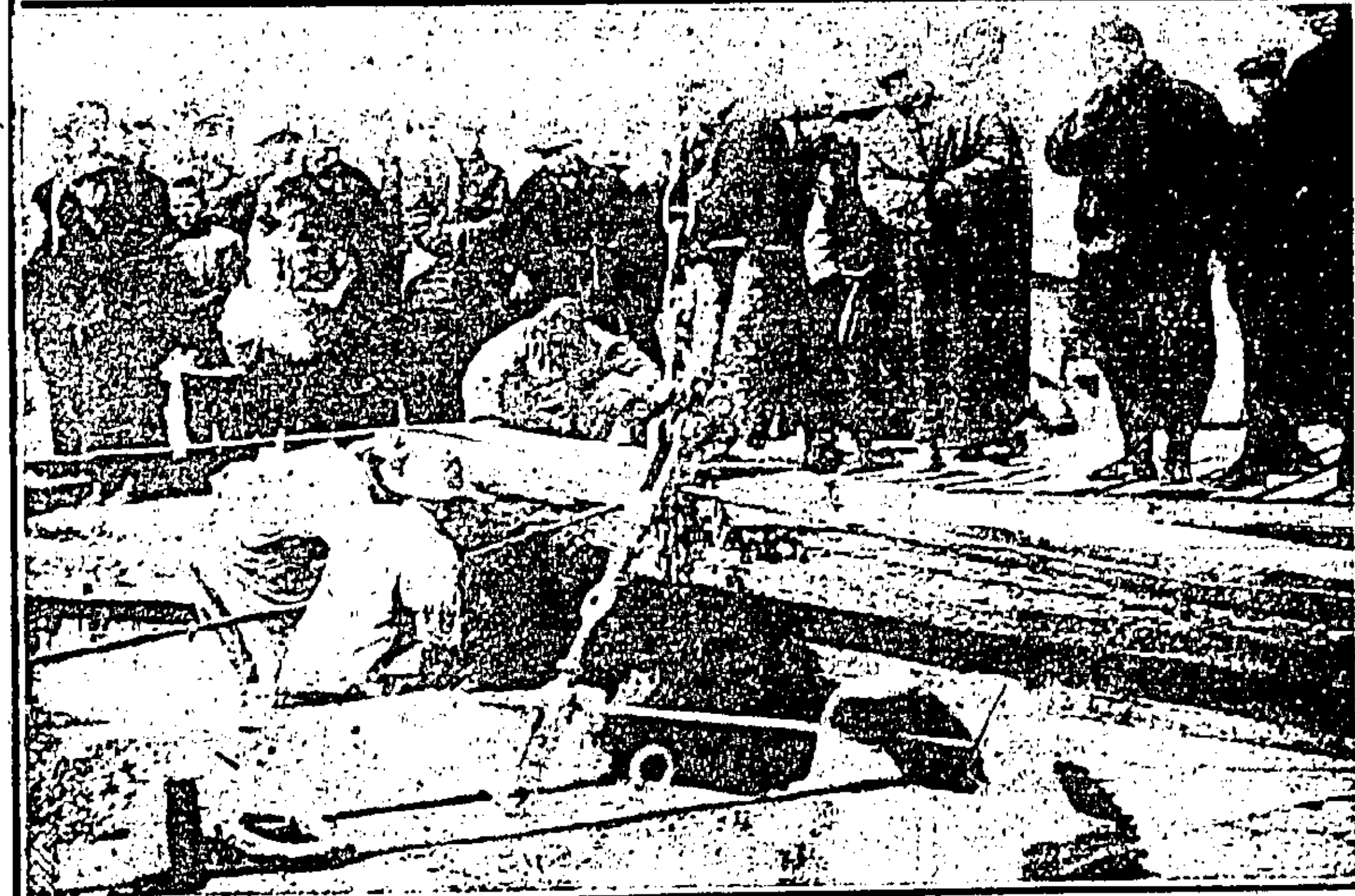
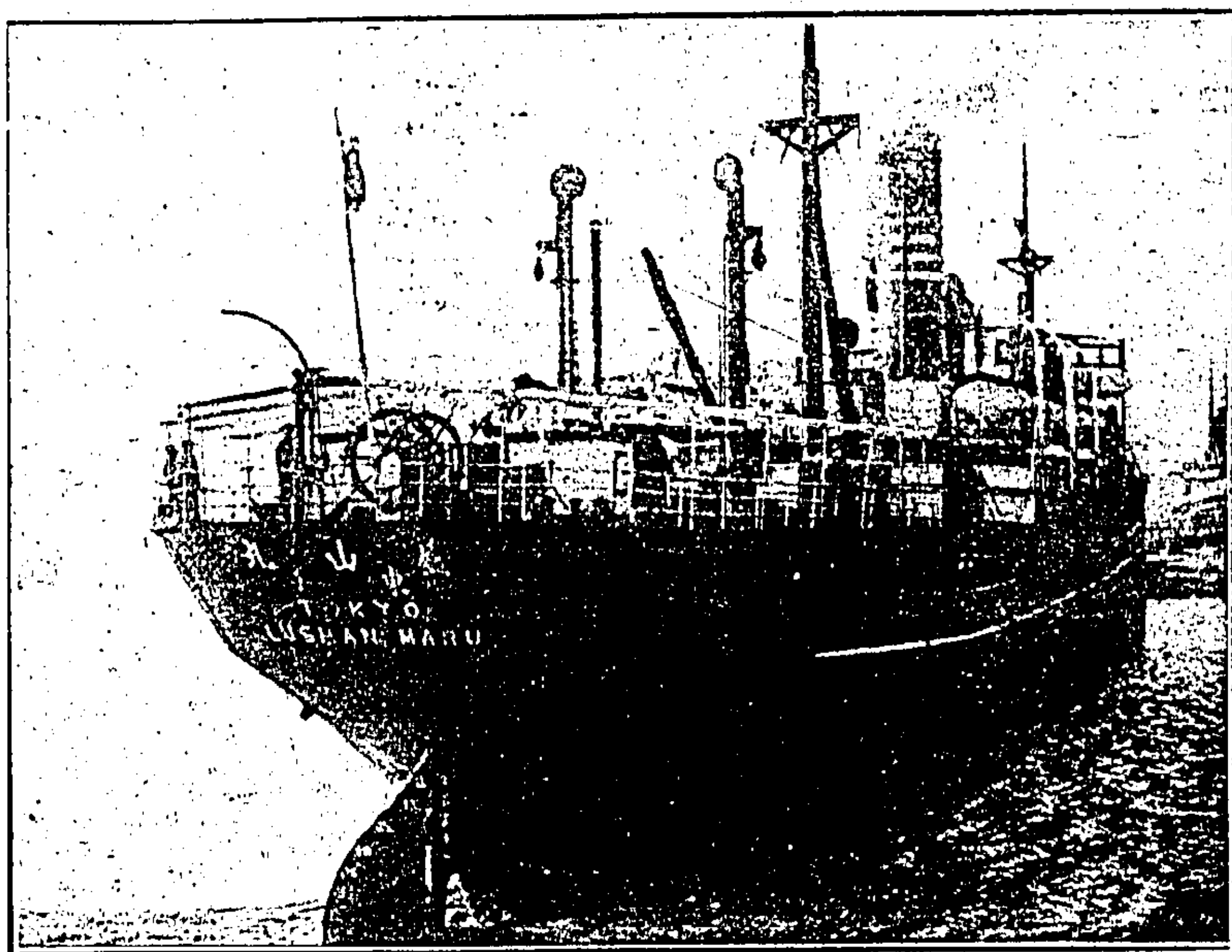
The Officers' Training Corps would continue to receive a Government grant.

Cadet Corps.

He could not, however, take the same attitude regarding the Cadet Corps. Teachers in elementary and secondary schools appeared to be, in a great majority of cases, against this particular training on educational grounds. He agreed with those representations, and intended, with the consent of the House, to cease to give War Office assistance to these bodies when the existing contracts expired. (Continued on Page 14.)



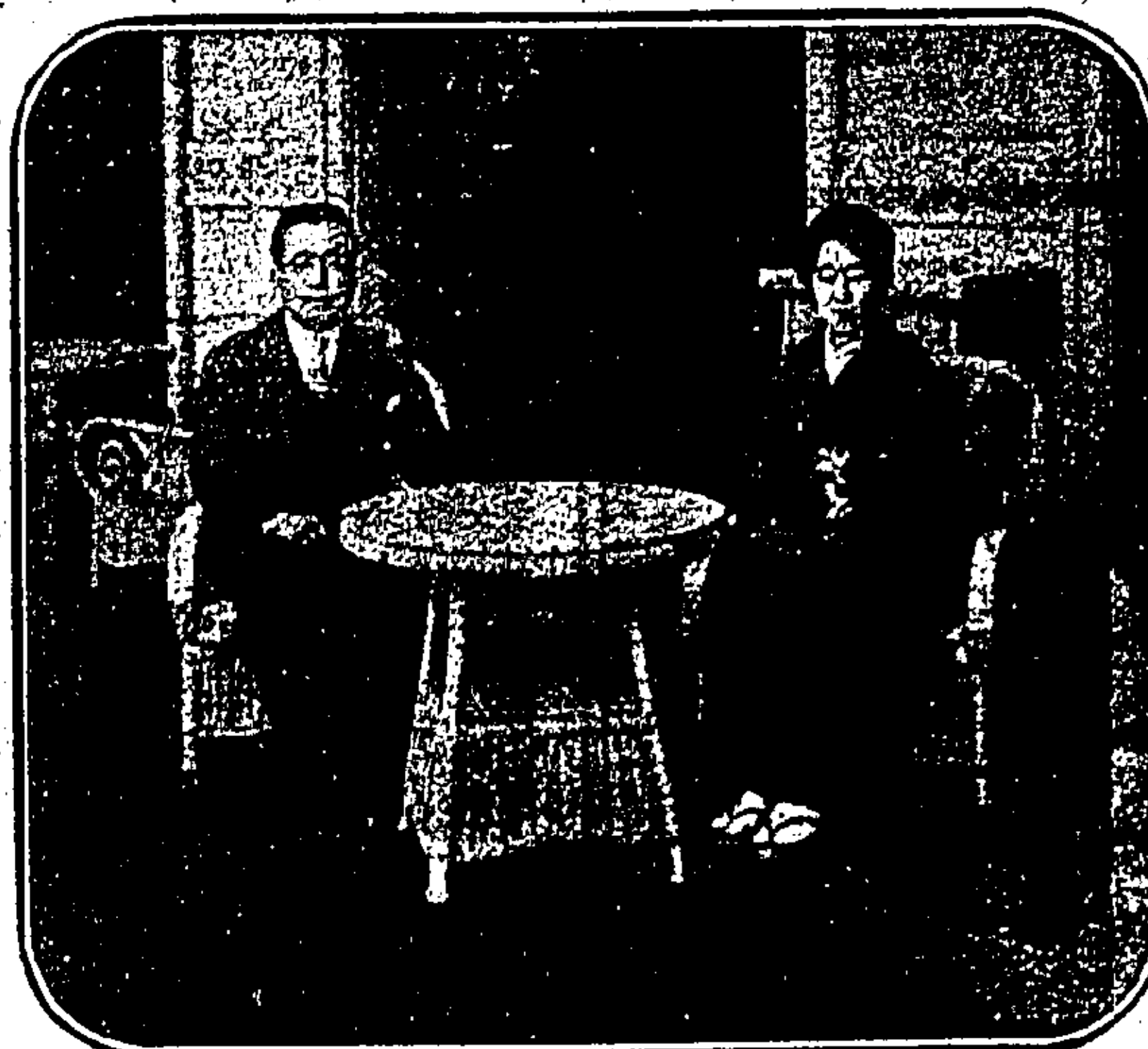
Representative members of the American community in Shanghai met at the American Club recently at the dinner held in honour of the new American Minister to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson. The spacious dining room of the Club, appropriately flag-draped, was crowded. During the course of the evening, Mr. Johnson made a short address in reply to Mr. E. S. Cunningham, the American Consul-General.



Top photograph shows the N. K. K. steamer Lushan Maru, which sustained a large hole near her stern and other damage when crashed into by the s.s. Lung San of the San Peh S.S. Co. while anchored at the N. K. K. wharf at Yangkadoo. Bottom picture shows workmen engaged in hooking up a section of the pontoon in front of the China Merchants' Yangkadoo Wharf which was badly damaged by the Lung San. The section was lifted by a derick and taken to the Kiangnan Docks for repairs. The Lung San, helpless in the grip of wind and tide while coming down river about noon on Friday, was carried against the Yangkadoo Wharf. From this point onwards until near the Tungkadoo Wharf the Lung San scraped the wharves on the Pootung side, damaged four steamers and sunk five lighters loaded with cotton,



A glimpse of the Chinese actor, Mei Lan-fang, and Professor Chi Yur-san, Professor of Drama at the University of Peking, listening to the radio on a train en route to Chicago.



Prince Li of Korea and his wife, taken at their new home in Tokyo. It is situated in Hirakawa-cho, Kojimachi-ku.



The handsome silver cup presented by the A.A.U. for a bi-annual pistol and revolver competition held under the auspices of the American Co., S.V.C., is shown above.



Of outstanding interest was the wedding at the Shanghai Cathedral recently, when Miss Flora Doris Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey, became the wife of Mr. Clifford Hargreaves, son of the late Mr. Albert Hargreaves of Accrington, Lancs, and Mr. Hargreaves.



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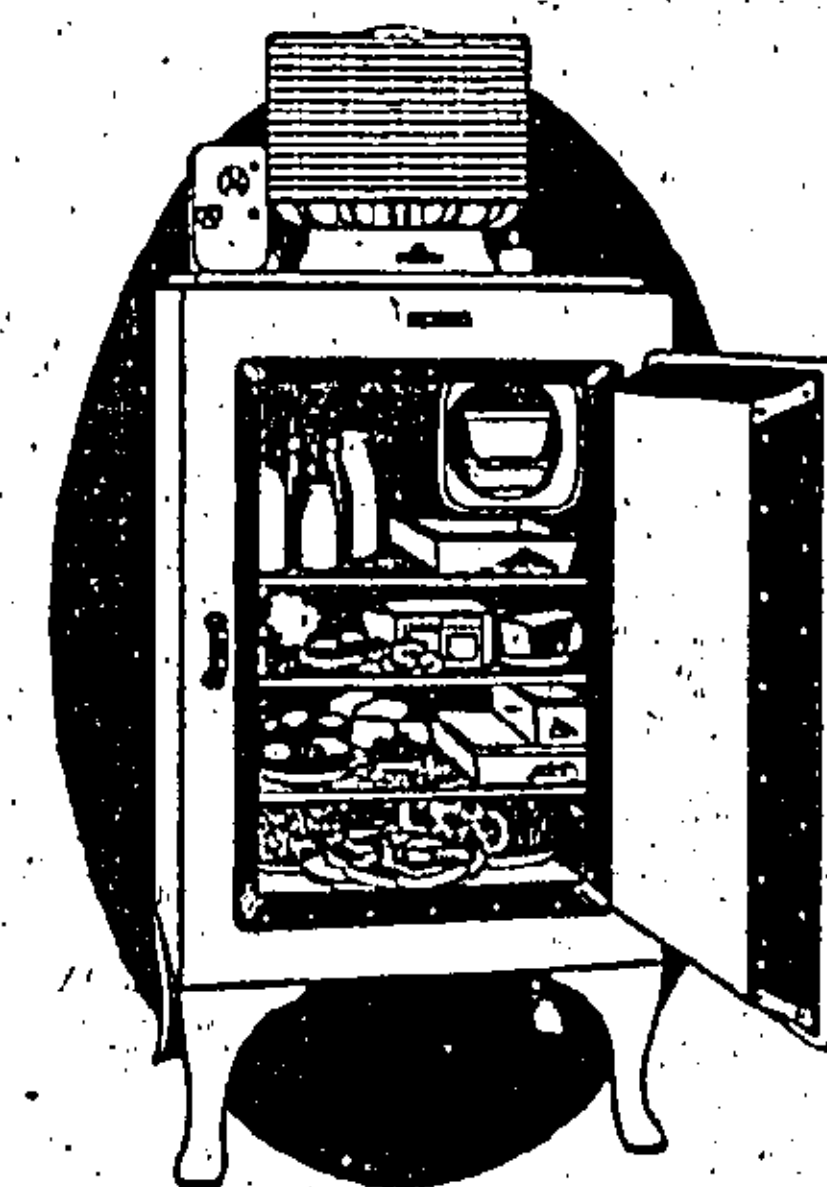
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CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

The offices and stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on Saturday, the 29th March, 1930.

J. M. H. OSBORNE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District.
York Building,
Hongkong, 24th March, 1930.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1930, at 4.30 p.m. for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1929.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
E. R. PRICE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1930.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1930, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 24th to the 31st MARCH, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. Dyer,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1930.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-fifth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its Registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 29th March, 1930, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1929.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 24th day of March, to Monday, the 31st day of March, 1930, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1930.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1929, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 17th March, 1930, until WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1930.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
The Sixty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 26th March 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1929.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1930.

COLLECTION OF TRADE STATISTICS.

On and after April 1, 1930, all importers and exporters of merchandise will be required to declare the nature, amount, and value of the goods imported or exported by them. The declarations are to be made on the import and export declaration forms supplied by the Statistical Office, 2nd floor, Beaconsfield Arcade, where forms in English or Chinese can be obtained.

In filling up these forms, the following points should be noted: "Manner of arrival" or "departure" need only be indicated when goods enter or leave by rail, road, or air. "Description" should follow as closely as possible the classification list which will shortly be published: price 50c, obtainable at the Statistical Office. "Weight or measurement" should be given according to the classifier used in the list for each type of goods. "Value" of imports should be the cost of goods as landed, in Hongkong dollars; of exports the cost as shipped. "Country of origin" means origin in present condition, not origin of raw material. Where the country of origin is unknown, the country of shipment should be given. Different classes of goods, or cargo by different steamers, may be entered on a single form if desired, but import and export cargo must be kept separate. The completed declarations must reach the Statistical Office not more than 7 days after bill of lading have been presented at the shipping office in the case of imports; or, in the case of exports, after the ship carrying the cargo has left the harbour. Those firms wishing to send in declarations weekly can do so. They may be sent by messenger or by post.

To enable shipping companies to make their returns, all documents presented to them by importers and exporters, such as bills of lading, mates' receipts etc., must bear the name and address of the person or firm presenting them clearly stamped or written.

W. SCHOFIELD,
Assistant Superintendent,
Imports and Exports Office.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 5th April, 1930, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on THURSDAY, 27th March, 1930.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

The Summer Term will begin on Thursday, March 27th, when New Students, whether Boarders or Day-Boys, should attend for examination at 9.00 a.m. Prospectuses may be obtained from Mr. Li Hoi Tung, Messrs. Banker & Co., Bank of China Building, or from The Warden, St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

All Old Boys and Friends of the School, whether they have received personal invitations or not, are requested to attend the Opening Celebration by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government at Stanley on Tuesday, March 25th, at 3 p.m.

Busses and cars leave Blake Pier at 2 p.m. (return fare \$1.00). The Band of the Punjabi Regiment will play.

Tea from 4.00—6.00 p.m.

THE BANK OF CANTON LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Nineteenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1930, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th March, 1930, to the 26th March, 1930, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1930.

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Lammert's Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY,

the 28th March, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m., at No. 1 Aimal Villas, Kowloon

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

On view from Thursday, the 27th March, 1930.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 21, 1930.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY,

the 28th March, 1930, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at No. 48A, Nathan Road, Kowloon

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

On view from Noon, Thursday, the 27th March, 1930.

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LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 21, 1930.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

On SATURDAY,

the 29th March, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m.

at No. 16, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

On view from Friday, the 28th March, 1930.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Put up for public auction at the Crown Land Office yesterday afternoon, New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,328, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,243, Apliu Street, was sold to Mr. Kong Kam of 67 Apliu Street, for the upset price of \$12,555. The plot has an area of 8,370 square feet.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st April, 1930, will be subject to sale.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th April, 1930, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st inst., at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1930.

NEONLITE SIGNS.

OPENING OF A HONGKONG FACTORY.

The announcement that the China Neonlite Company has opened a factory in Hongkong for the manufacture of the attractive electrical signs, which have appeared recently here, is of special local interest, as it is the first establishment of its kind in South China.

Those who have travelled the world within the last few years, will be familiar with the latest type of illuminated sign which has been made possible by the invention of the "Neon" tubes. As an illuminant, it is not only effective, but dignified, and has been described as a living flame, and yet it is fireproof. The luminous tubes are bent into shapes of letters, or characters, and although the light is surprisingly brilliant, one of its most valuable characteristics is that it does not impose any strain on the eyes.

Its light penetration is the greatest known, and it is the only light which remains visible through fog. It has successfully been employed on aeroplane routes and aerodromes in many parts of Europe and the United States, and it is being used for lighthouse beacons and ship identifiers on vessels plying the English channel during dense fogs.

It is becoming popular in Hongkong and throughout China, and the factory here is already assured of many contracts to keep the staff and plant occupied for some time.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From Shanghai and Swatow Sinking March 26.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

A Health Hint.

WHEN YOU NEED A REST.

Rest is one of the simplest and most easily attained of all the requirements of health, yet it is one which, unfortunately, is commonly unfulfilled.

The human machine cannot maintain a perpetual and unceasing activity. Regular pauses are essential in order that the body tissues may undergo repairs, and that the expended energy may be replaced. The heart, the pivot of life, rests for a fraction of a second after every beat, and should this period of rest be encroached upon, as often happens in valvular disease, exhaustion of the heart muscle or heart failure inevitably ensues. Herein lies an object lesson.

Long Spells of Work.

Though sleep is the body's chief means of ensuring periodic rest, this happening does not absolve us from the need for rest in the course of our daily activities. Practical psychologists have shown that spells of work unbroken by regular rest pauses are unsatisfactory from the point of view of quantity and quality of production.

For children sufficient rest is of vital importance. An excessive display of energy should be checked, for it leads to an over-tiredness which is dangerous to health. Wise parents should insist on regular pauses during the day, particularly after meals.

A Simple Gown.



A simple home gown, embodying most of the features that have achieved success this season, is developed in pale fawn and cherry-red crepe de chine. The slightly gauged shoulder line is good; so also is the well-cut skirt flaring into godets each side and falling from a belt placed just above the hip-line. A dainty touch is secured by means of the pale fawn georgette jabot which finishes the high-cut neckline.

The Latest in Petticoats.



Added fullness in dance frocks necessitates dainty slips of some kind, and the lingerie specialists are now adding petticoats to their "sets." This modern petticoat is not by any means a straight slip, but a fluffy, feminine affair, with frills, insets of lace, and many tiny tucks. Incidentally, the fluffy note is a feature of all the new lingerie.

The Use of Colour.

TO STUDY ITS EFFECTS IS FASCINATING.

Many of us women are amateurs, if not actual bunglers, when it comes to the use of colour. We go down to defeat in red when we could have triumphed in blue. What seems like a gamble, however, is a science. Geometry itself is not more exact. Ask Mrs. Natalie Kalmus, wife of Mr. Herbert T. Kalmus, president of Techni-colour Pictures, the new process of producing coloured movies.

With her husband she has been experimenting with colour photography for 11 years, and there are no little tricks of the rainbow that she has not exposed.

Before any picture is made, she decides on the colour continuity. She assembles samples of the material for costumes, for upholstery, walls, curtains, and every prop that is to be used, and works out a harmonious scheme.

"I could build up a story completely with colour," she told me enthusiastically, "using the brilliant high colours to intensify the action, and keeping the background neutral so they do not conflict with the main theme."

She was greatly excited over a new musical comedy in colour.

"Because," she explained, "I am going to reproduce it with the original drab, colourless backgrounds and use gay, period costumes so when the dancers take over the stage, there will be a

rush of reds, blues, greens and yellows and they will stand out.

The greatest difficulty I have with producers is to keep the sets simple, so that the action gets the attention. If the set is cluttered with old Italian red sofas and tapestry hangings, and brilliant curtains, they are going to detract from the leading character, even though they be worthy of much attention themselves.

The Home Background.

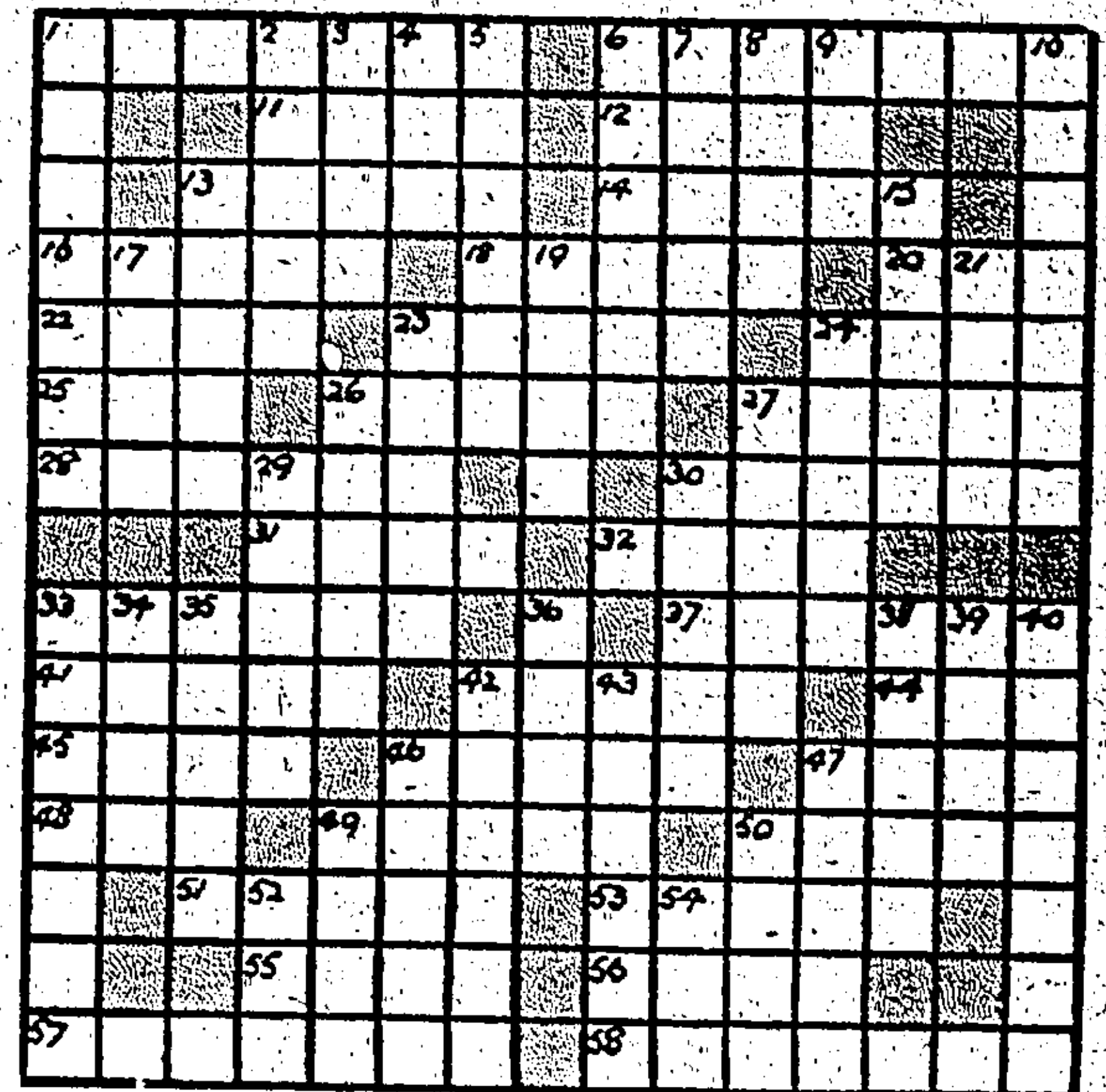
Thinking over her words, it occurred to me that women could learn much from her about arranging their own backgrounds—their homes. One of the most effective homes I know is just a background for its mistress—but you never realize it until you analyze the scene. There is not a conspicuous colour used, and not one knock-your-eye-out piece of furniture. The tans and browns focus all the attention on the woman who is as gay as a dahlia and loves colourful gowns. She is as conspicuous as a single tree on a landscape.

I know another woman who has objects of art from all countries in her home—and it completely overwhelms her.

I know a woman who never appears in colour—always in dead black. Thus she directs the vision to her marvellous complexion and her own brilliant eyes. I know another who always looks washed out because she will wear Alice blue, which makes her own orbs look faded and brings out the imperfections of her skin.

To study the effects of colour is fascinating—and wise—in these days of strong competition, when we need every trick we can get.—H.M. in Exchange.

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6 Slight.
11 Railing.
12 Present.
13 Cloth.
14 Erased.
16 Females.
18 Opposed to Atheist.
20 Organ of hearing.
22 Eager.
23 Actor.
24 Dissolve.
25 Steep flax.
26 Anoint.
27 Footwear.
28 Drag-net.
30 Emphasis.
31 Have.
32 Hut.
33 Narrow.
37 Enased.
41 Drill.
42 Writing necessity.
44 Transgress.
45 Curb.
46 Levelled.
47 Mentally sound.
48 Even.
49 Passengers.
50 Lakes.
51 Ravel.
53 Period in life.
55 Flank.
56 Ages.
57 Pupil.
58 Repents.

10 Hold back.
13 Strike.
15 Perdition.
17 Above.
19 Fish.
21 Demands.
23 About.
24 Crossings.
26 Anew.
27 Guide.
29 Sewer.
30 Piece.
33 Lines.
34 Plant.
35 Pours.
36 Stupify.
38 Rends.
39 Eagle.
40 Clothes.
42 Father.
43 Worry.
46 Devour.
47 Faculty.
49 Iceberg.
50 Repeat.
52 Aged.
54 Before.

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**The
Hongkong Telegraph**

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1930.

"STUNT" POLITICS.

How wholeheartedly the Rothermere Press boosted the Empire Free Trade movement is apparent from Home Journals now coming to hand. The *Sunday Pictorial* provides a striking example of "stunt" politics in this connexion. The main pages of this popular paper carried big streamer headlines calling on the public to support the "Prosperity Party," whilst much prominence was given to the alleged alarm which the movement had caused in the ranks of the older political parties. Not satisfied with this means of appeal, the *Pictorial* opened a branch of the new Party in Regent Street, and printed in its columns an enrolment form, which carried no financial or other obligations beyond a promise to support the movement with votes whenever the opportunity presented itself. Naturally, the leading article was devoted to the subject, but most prominence of all was given to a special article by Lord Rothermere himself, entitled "I Tell You"—a Message to the Youth of Great Britain. Reading through this contribution, which was later reprinted in pamphlet form, we were struck by the somewhat unblushing use of the personal pronoun. Here are some extracts:—"There can be few men in England who have devoted more time during the past ten years to economic inquiry and reflection than myself," "the first public warning I issued was at the height of that fatal post-war boom in 1919," "in 1921 I started and organised the Anti-Waste Party," "in scores of articles I have pointed out how profoundly our economic situation was altered by the war," and so on, ad lib.

That the movement envisaged Lord Beaverbrook as the next Premier is clearly shown by Lord Rothermere's statement that he encouraged the former to address himself directly to the people, and to have nothing to do with "the old gang of politicians," adding "I am thankful for the conviction that he will soon be a director of the greatest depressed industry of all—the British nation itself." "It is in new men, new brains and a new policy that Britain's last hope of recovering her prosperity resides," according to an italicised paragraph in the contribution under notice. All this fuss and

special pleading strikes us as somewhat amusing in view of the anti-climax which has since been recorded. Mr. Baldwin has made an utterance which marks no change in his previous attitude. Lord Beaverbrook has accepted it as tantamount to support of Empire Free Trade principles, and subscribers to the new Party's Fighting Fund had their money returned. Where Lord Rothermere now stands, we do not know. When his companion in the new movement accepted Mr. Baldwin's declaration, he asserted that there were other principles for which the Party stood, but Lord Beaverbrook dissociated himself from these, although indicating that the newspaper magnate was free to go forward along his own lines. What will become of his promise to provide at least fifty candidates for the new Party has not been made clear. He has had the wind taken out of his sails by Lord Beaverbrook throwing his hand in, but we doubt if that will deter him from continuing his "stunt" tactics in the newspapers which he controls.

In the meantime, two of the older political parties, Liberals and Labour, can afford to stand pat on their fiscal policies whilst the Conservatives trot out their vague and hesitating programme which will be hailed as something new although in fact it still reflects the halting attitude which Mr. Baldwin has always adopted on this tariff question. Seeing it has been proved that the Dominions are not enamoured of Empire Free Trade and that its application to the Crown Colonies would be disastrous, we cannot see what headway the Conservatives hope to make by a half-hearted acceptance of its principles. Indeed, although the breach in the Party ranks would appear to have been partially repaired, it looks as if the ultimate reaction will be anything but favourable to the future fortunes of the Conservatives.

England's New Hope.

Future history may turn on the truth or otherwise of the hint of an alliance between Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George. We cannot imagine a finer happening at this critical juncture in British politics. On the contrary, we have long been of the opinion that it offers the only way to the restoration of industrial vigour and confidence. More than ever before, the country needs the development of a national spirit in its leading politicians, a breaking of the shackles of party shibboleths until the nation and the Empire is on a better footing. A Liberal-Labour entente-to-day provides the only means of tackling the problem of economic reorganisation with a decisive clearness of purpose, and, what is equally essential, a sustained majority of the people. Thus we are banking on the truth of the reports, in spite of the fact that no official statements have been made on the subject by the Liberal or Labour leaders. Every pointer for two or three months past has been in this direction. The Liberal abstention on the Coal-Bill division must be accepted as an indication rather than a cause. In the last analysis, we feel that the Conservatives have defeated their own object in bringing the tariff question so strongly to the fore. Strong Protectionist agitation has served only to reinforce the other strong influences that have tended to bring the Liberal and Labour leaders into harmony. In seeking to advance their position in the country, preparatory to a General Election, the Conservatives have established the Government in power for two years, and possibly three. Moreover, the Government will be in a stronger position than ever before. It is good, and it will be better. If the effect of the entente is Liberal co-operation in the problems of Government over and above the recording of votes in Parliamentary divisions. Mr. Lloyd George is anxious to help, not to hinder, and the Premier will exhibit lack of vision if he does not accept the offer.

DAY BY DAY.

UNLIMITED DESPOTISM AND UNCONTROLLED DEMOCRACY ARE FOUND TO BE EQUALLY UNFAVOURABLE TO THE EXISTENCE OF CIVIL LIBERTY.—Lord John Russell.

The P. and O. s.s. Rajputana, from Singapore, is due here at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

Arriving from Singapore, the s.s. Hosang reports that a Chinese deck passenger died from beri beri.

The Empress of Asia, which left Hongkong on the 5th inst., arrived at Vancouver on the 23rd inst.

The s.s. Venezia, recently placed on the run between Canton and Hongkong, went into Taikoo Dock on Saturday for renovation. She may resume her run to Canton on Monday.

We are asked to announce, regarding to-morrow afternoon's matinee performance of "And So To Bed," that parties from schools, of not less than 30, will be admitted at half-price.

Mr. D. Forbes, the manager of the Bank Line, made telephonic report to the Water Police this morning to the effect that an anchor and chain were lost from the s.s. City of Birmingham whilst she was in Junk Bay last night.

The theft of tarpaulin, rope and nine cargo slings has been reported by Captain Neilson, master of the s.s. Imataca, who states that these articles were stolen from the store-room while the ship was at her berth in the northern anchorage.

A woman occupant of 105, Wood-sung Street, appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning on a charge of ill-treating a *mud tsai* by beating her with a piece of firewood. The defendant was remanded till Saturday morning.

A small fire on the roof of 562, Canton Road where a quantity of rubbish caught alight created some alarm among the inmates but they managed to extinguish the outbreak without the assistance of the Brigade which arrived shortly after the alarm had been given.

In our report, yesterday, of the Full Court of Appeal decision in the Chater will case, we inadvertently stated that the appeal was against a judgment of the acting Chief Justice. In point of fact, it was Sir Henry Gollan's judgment which was the subject of decision.

Cheung Kau, aged 20, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from the effects of Lysol, disinfectant which he drank with the view to committing suicide. The man was living in a hotel at Shaokwan, having been without employment for some time past.

Dropping from a height of 70 feet from scaffolding around a house in course of demolition at the junction of Garden and Bowen Roads, a young earth-carrying coolie was seriously injured in the head yesterday. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital in a critical condition.

A stonebreaker who was working at Kowloon Docks was arrested yesterday as he leaving with a quantity of bronze mixture valued at \$18 in a basket which he was carrying. On appearing before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning the man admitted stealing and was fined \$18 or three weeks' hard labour.

The Far East Aviation Co. has received a cable to the effect that Flying Officers Piper and Kay who left England in a Hermes Desoutter cabin monoplane on a flight to Australia, arrived yesterday. They say that the Hermes engine ran beautifully. This is the third flight to Australia by Cirrus engine machines which is a convincing proof of the reliability of Cirrus Aero Engines, Ltd.'s products.

A further week's remand was granted by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning in the case in which a young Chinese again appeared before his Worship on five charges of arson in connexion with the outbreak of five recent fires in Hongkong and Kowloon. Detective Inspector Fallon intimated that the Crown had not yet fully gone into the case.

Charges of being concerned in the sale of a young Chinese girl were brought against two men and a woman before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. It was intimated that Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones had been instructed to appear for the third defendant. On the application of Detective Sergeant Fitches, the case was remanded for one week, the first defendant on \$2,000 bail and the other two on \$500 each.

MACAO NOTES.

NEW CHINESE MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Macao, Mar. 23.
The appointment is announced of Dr. Lew Yuk-lin to the additional seat on the Macao Government Council recently approved by the Portuguese Government. The new seat has been created by the request of His Excellency Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa who took advantage of his recent visit to Portugal to bring before his Government the necessity for such a measure.

Dr. Lew, who is an LL.D. of Cambridge, was Minister for China to the Court of St. James for some years, and has enjoyed many successes in diplomatic circles. Some years ago Dr. Lew retired from the service and has lived quietly at Macao ever since, though he was appointed honorary adviser to the Government of China.

In accepting the new honour conferred upon him, Dr. Lew is desirous of being of service to his countrymen by acting in co-operation with the other member representing the Chinese community.

Miss Gomes' Concert.

The concert organised by Miss Maria Gomes assisted by a number of friends, and under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor of Macao and Madame Tamagnini Barbosa, at the Macao Club on the 22nd inst., was a great success.

Miss Gomes' rich voice was heard to great advantage in two or three songs, and blended with the other voices in the duets and a trio which formed part of the programme. She possesses an excellent range of notes and was deservedly applauded at the end of each item.

Mrs. Maria Amalia de Carvalho e Rego proved herself a brilliant accompanist. The other singers were Messrs. Francisco de Carvalho e Rego, Henrique Machado, and Luis Gomes.—Our Own Correspondent.

HOW TANGO SHOULD BE DANCED.

MR. ALBERT BARNETT'S BROADCAST.

Mr. Albert Barnett, who with Miss Nora Chilo is ballroom dancing round the World, told Hongkong over the wireless last night, to soft music, how the tango should be danced.

In addition, he gave a brief history of the origin of this dance. Mr. Barnett said:—"The tango originated in South America, for it was invented by the descendants of the original Spaniards who colonised what now is Argentina, and took wives from the native women of the country. These half-breeds had inherited the natural grace of their Spanish forebears, and a marvellous sense of rhythm from their aboriginal ancestors."

The tango was danced upon the greens in the vicinity of the drinking shanties of the camps, thus accounting for the lifting steps instead of gliding.

Mr. Barnett's explanation of the so-called tango crouch is not without interest. Much mystery has been associated with the tango crouch. The lecturer said, "In reality there is no such thing in any ballroom tango. This fallacy is due possibly to the fact of the knee-joints brushing in passing. Virtually one tangos knock-kneed. The gauchos were all very hard riders and consequently were also bow-legged. Their instinctive grace never deserted them, and to overcome their acquired defect they turned their knees inwards. As this causes the weight of the body to precede the movement of the feet, it produces to the onlooker the illusion of a crouch."

LATEST WATER STATISTICS.

KOWLOON SUPPLY SHOWS INCREASE.

The total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 24th March, amounted to 792.10 million gallons, showing a decrease of 34.07 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 14.77 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 48.84 million gallons. The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 24th March, amounted to 379.37 million gallons, showing an increase of 2.87 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 26.26 million gallons, not including 2.71 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 31.84 million gallons.

The Very Idea!

He had taken his sweetheart to a football match. The home team was faring badly, and the visitors bombed the home goal as persistently as Alice bombarded Jack with questions.

"Why have the other team scored five goals, and yours none?" she asked.

"Weak backs, dear," was his reply.

"Weak backs?" she queried. "I am surprised! Men who suffer from weak backs should not take in such a rough game as football."

Sir Walter Raleigh "invented the first bicycle" is all that a schoolboy examine can remember of his history lesson on the famous Elizabethan.

(A daily ration of milk to the young makes them "bigger and more boisterous and alert.")

I want to be a milkmaid. And in the dairy stand. Beside the foaming pitchers. A tumbler in my hand. And there and then I'll boldly Consume my pint each day. And so get strong and bonnie For that's the milky whey!

No longer I'll be skimpy. But round as any cheese. My soft complexion creamy. My tongue the butter, please. The only thing that daunts me Is, I may grow so big My parents won't be able To buy me a new rig. And should it also make me More "boisterous and alert." Then soon my milky ration They'll cut off for a cert.

Art Connoisseur (at auction room).—"There is a great picture going up here to-day—by Raphael." Vandal.—"You don't say so! By raffle—How much are the tickets?"

He was a novice at the game of golf, and his ball had disappeared down a rabbit hole. "Which club now, sir?" asked the caddy, respectfully. The novice hesitated. "Club!" he repeated. "It's a ferret I'm needing!"

"My husband wrote to me at Christmas and said he would see me at my favourite resort—the Police Court," said a wife at Manchester City Police Court.

"Solicitors' clerks are the worst possible witnesses except perhaps, barristers," said Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch County Court.

"Good old lad, I'll find a job now," said William Noyland (66), sentenced by the Recorder at Rotherham Quarter Sessions to five years' penal servitude for breaking into Sir John Shaw's residence at Barber Wood.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 24.
Paris	124.255
Brussels	34.855
Amsterdam	12.127
Berlin	20.39
Copenhagen	18.16
Vienna	34.525
Helsingfors	18.94
Lisbon	108.30
Bucharest	46.118
Buenos Aires	1.114
Shanghai	2.074
Yokohama	4.8625/32
New York	25.125
Geneva	92.95
Milan	18.10
Stockholm	18.17
Oslo	18.44
Prague	38.85
Madrid	37.5
Athens	1.5/11/32
Rio	1.1/1/34
Bombay	1.1/1/34
Hongkong	1.1/1/34
Silver (spot)	1.1/1/34
Silver (forward)	1.1/1/34

—British Wireless.

WHO WAS— ELIZABETH JANE?

She was one of those sweet, gentle creatures who never grow sour or hardened, no matter what disappointment or hardship they may have to suffer, this Elizabeth Jane, heroine of Thomas Hardy's "Mayor of Casterbridge."

In poverty she was not despondent, and in affluence she was not proud. When Michael Henchard's fatherly love turned to "hated" on discovering that she was the child of another, and he drove her angrily from his house, Elizabeth Jane understood, and pitied, and continued to love him.

Young Farfrae might stray from her into marriage, with a more voluptuous charmer, but Elizabeth Jane bore him and his bride no resentment.

Do not think that she was weak and spineless, because she could so easily forgive and forget, and above all, could continue to love. There was no weakness in her nature. Hers was the strength of an infinite charity.

One is glad to remember that she was happy in the end, as the devoted second wife of her beloved Farfrae.

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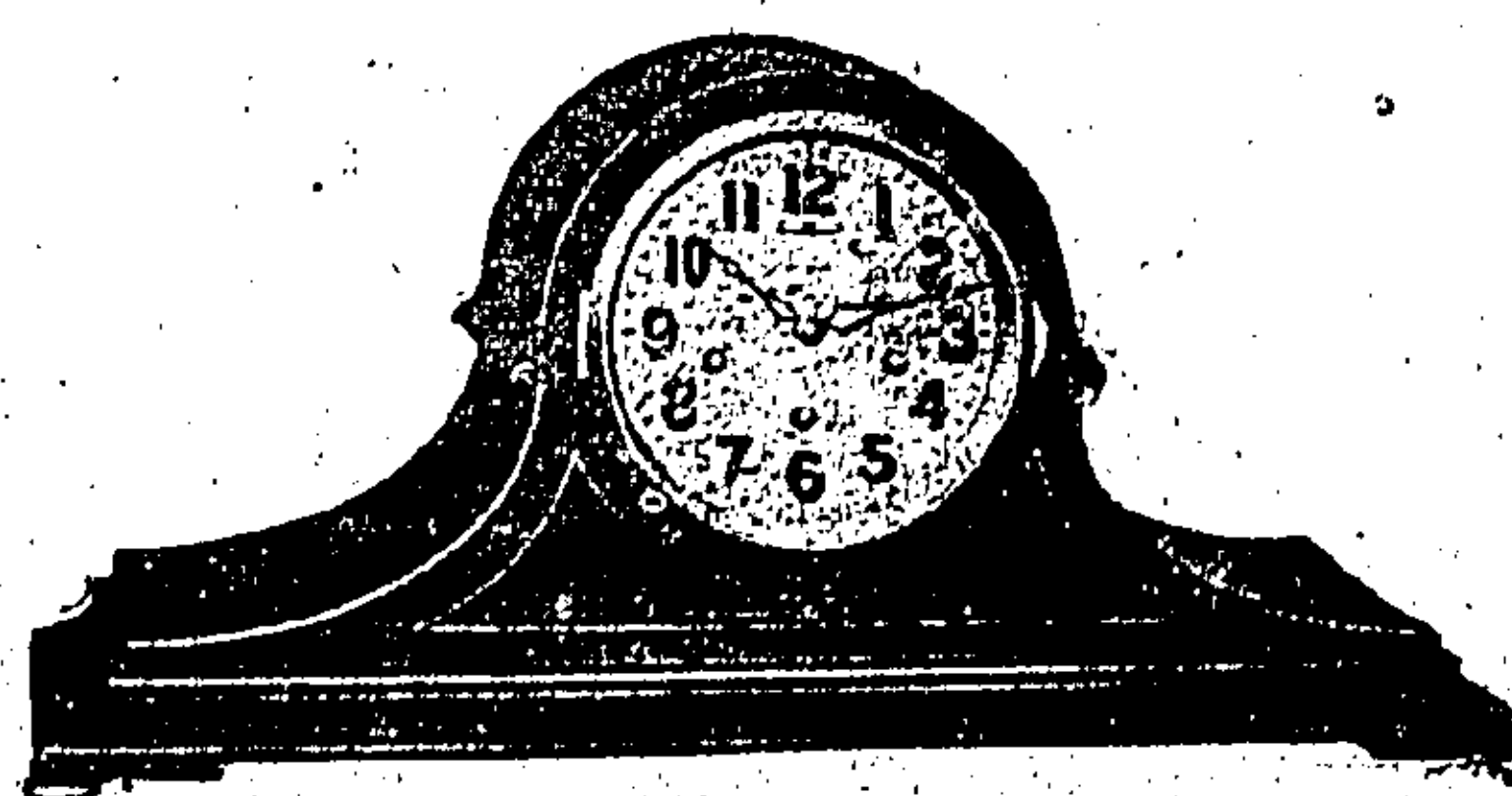
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WAR AGAINST THE KUOMINTANG.

MARSHAL YEN ORDERS DRASTIC ACTION.

JAPANESE PROTEST AGAINST ACTIVITY NEAR TIENTSIN.

MORE NANKING FOES.

Peking, Mar. 24. Wholesale action against Kuomintang members, as a prelude to the big war with Nanking, has been ordered by Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, chief of the Kuomintang-Shansi allied forces, who has instructed his subordinates in Chihli Province to close down all Kuomintang Departments.

The *Min Kuo Jih Po*, which is the leading Kuomintang journal at Taiyuanfu, was suspended yesterday by order of Marshal Yen, who also ordered the arrest of the editorial staff on the ground that they were involved in the movement against the Shansi regime.

The newspaper office was raided by troops who detained several of the members of the editorial staff. The Provincial Kuomintang office at Taiyuanfu has also been closed down.

Military Activity.

Taiyuanfu continues the centre of much political activity, and the week-end witnessed the departure for Tungkuang of several well-known officers of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's Kuomintang Army.

The foreign communities in the North are perturbed over the war preparations by the Shansi forces, who are digging trenches at Tangku, the seaport near Tientsin. This action is resented by the Japanese authorities in the Tientsin Concession, who have protested to the Shansi officers on the ground that war near Tangku will endanger the Japanese community.

Han Fu-chu's Action.

An extraordinary and totally unexpected development is reported from Chengchow to the effect that General Han Fu-chu has declared for the Shansi regime. He issued a proclamation yesterday at Kweichow purporting to be a resignation and saying he intends to hand over the control of his Army to the Shansi commanders.

This action represents a severe blow to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. Military commanders at Chengchow who pledged support to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek last week, are now exhibiting anti-Nanking posters expressing their intention to pledge their allegiance to Marshal Yen.

The Honan situation is very tense, and many believe that war will break out there very soon.

General Han Fu-chu is now concentrating his forces at Kweichow. Some 20,000 sacks of flour have arrived at Honan for General Shih Yu-shan, one of the "doubtfuls" who recently went over to Marshal Yen Hsi-shan. The supplies came from Taiyuanfu.

War Very Soon.

War is expected to break out shortly at Kweichow judging by the movements of the Nationalist forces. Communications along the western section of the Lung-Hai Railway have been suspended.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is expected to visit Shihchiachwang to confer with Marshal Yen, after which he will go to Chengchow to direct the operations against the Nanking troops.

While representatives of both sides are endeavouring to win the support of the young Manchurian ruler, General Chang Hsueh-liang, the latest official statements from Mukden say that Chang has expressed his intention to increase the Mukden troops at Shanhaikwan in order to protect the populace in Manchuria and to prevent defeated troops from entering his territory. It appears that he is determined to remain strictly neutral.

JAPAN'S BUDGET.

LESS MONEY FOR NAVY THIS YEAR.

Tokyo, Mar. 24. The Finance Department has prepared the budget figures, which will be considered by the Cabinet to-morrow.

The total is 1,606 million yen, including for the Navy 262 million, and Army 210 million, compared with last year's total of 1,752 million. Navy 268 million, and Army 232 million.

It is understood that to-morrow's Cabinet meeting will be concerned primarily with the budget figures, but a special Cabinet meeting will be held on March 27 probably to decide Japan's reply to the proposed Japan-America naval

YOUNG AMERICAN STOWAWAY.

FLAT REFUSAL TO REIMBURSE SHIPPING COMPANY.

BREAD & WATER FARE.

A young American, named John Baker, who had stowed away from Shanghai to Hongkong on board the French Mail Chenonceaux, was given the opportunity, when he appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, of paying the local agents for his passage. However, he flatly refused to reimburse the company, notwithstanding the fact that he had in his possession \$80 (Gold) in travellers' cheques.

The defendant, who admitted the charge, was stated by Detective Sergeant Kellett to have stowed away on board at Shanghai and when the ship was four hours out of port he gave himself up. The pilot had already left the ship, with the result that the defendant had to be brought down to Hongkong.

The officer mentioned that when the defendant was searched in the charge room of the Water Police Station a book of travellers' cheques to the total value of \$80 (Gold) was found hidden in his sock.

His Worship asked the defendant if he were now willing to pay the shipping Company for having brought him to Hongkong.

The defendant replied that, after having been fed on bread and water, he thought the Company should have more consideration. He was willing to pay part of his passage.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$50, with the alternative of one month's hard labour, and remarked that the case was worse than one he had previously dealt with. He remarked that enquiries might be made by the police as to the genuineness of the cheques and if the defendant was prepared to pay for his passage, he should be brought before him within seven days. The defendant had adopted a most unreasonable attitude.

The case previously mentioned before His Worship concerned a Chinese who was charged with stowing away from Amoy on board the s.s. Tjimanook. The defendant was stated to have been found mixing with the passengers, but was not hiding. A fine of \$50, or one month's hard labour, was imposed.

To Pay Fine.

After all the morning cases had been dealt with, Baker was brought before His Worship again when Mr. D. Ogilvie, First Clerk, intimated that the defendant was under a misapprehension and desired to make an application to pay his passage.

The defendant said he did not quite understand the Magistrate's question regarding the payment of his passage. He was not willing to pay a first or second-class passage but was quite willing to pay a steerage passage.

His Worship replied that the defendant was not going to get away by just paying his passage, because there had been an element of fraud in his action by evading payment. The position was quite clear. According to the sentence, he was not required to pay for his passage as he had been fined \$50, or one month's hard labour.

The defendant:—I am willing to pay the fine and get free.

His Worship said that was where he would have to leave the matter. He pointed out that even if the defendant had paid his passage, he would not have been let off without a fine, but the sentence in that case would have been reduced. He could not allow a stowaway to leave the dock by simply paying his fare.

Arrangements were made for the defendant to cash his travellers' cheques with which to pay the fine.

GERMAN COMMUNISTS DEMONSTRATE.

ATTEMPT TO RELEASE THE BORSTAL INMATES.

Berlin, Mar. 24. A hundred Communists attempted at night to storm the Borstal Institution in Potsdam and release the prisoners.

The Police, forewarned by an inmate, met the astonished raiders, who resisted, but were soon rounded up and conveyed to police headquarters.

It was discovered this morning that all the churches in Crefeld in the Rhineland had been smeared with red paint and plastered with posters bearing Communist slogans. —Reuter.

Sir Stanley Fisher, Chief Justice of Ceylon, and Lady Fisher, are due to arrive in Hongkong by the P. and O. s.s. Ranpura towards the end of May.

GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE.

COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS NOT APPROVED.

DEAR SUGAR BARRED.

London, Mar. 24.

The Reports have been published of the West Indian Sugar Commission, headed by the Labour Peer, Lord Oliver, and of Sir Francis Watts, on the Mauritius industry, on which the British Government has conditionally offered to shoulder half the Colonial Governments' losses.

The Reports recommend a single purchasing agency to purchase all sugar for the United Kingdom, on the basis of Imperial sugar at £15 per ton, c.i.f., and other sugar at the market price.

It is further recommended that the British preference on Imperial sugar should be raised as soon as possible to 4s. 8d. per cwt.

Sir Francis Watts recommends for the Mauritius Government a grant for at least five years equal to the difference between the general cost of production, estimated at £13 per ton, and the average selling price.

A Government statement, issued simultaneously with the Reports, declines to anticipate the Budget, but declares that while there is a duty on sugar, preferences will be maintained.

It is added that the Government is not prepared to impose on Britain a burden contributing millions sterling annually to the Colonial sugar industries, which would be the case if the Reports were acted upon.—Reuter.

OPIUM POSSESSION CASE.

MAGISTRATE AGREES TO A RE-HEARING.

Appearing before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. D. L. Strellett applied for the rehearing of a case in which Kwan Foon, a woman, was convicted on a count of possession of a large quantity of contraband opium, which was found by Revenue Officers secreted in a window frame at her home at No. 65, Pokfulam Road.

The application was made on the strength of fresh evidence now produced by Mr. Strellett. The new witness proved to be another tenant of the floor, who declared that the principal tenant was named Chan Kan, a man who had gone back to the country and was absent when the raid occurred. Chan Kan, furthermore, had two wives, both of whom were also missing.

The Magistrate raised a point concerning the presence of yet another woman in the house, and was informed by witness that she was an old woman who was only visiting, and was turned out by the Revenue Officers after she appeared on the premises.

The Inspector, continued witness, had also questioned him on the identity of the principal tenant, and he had then promptly replied that it was Chan Kan.

The Magistrate granted a rehearing of the case, arranging for this to be held at noon on Monday.

BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE.

MAJOR QUESTIONS A MATTER FOR GOVERNMENT.

AWAITING REPORT.

London, Mar. 24.

The Premier was asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Government regarded major questions of policy in Palestine as outside the terms of reference of the Committee which has been investigating last year's disorders. The Premier replied:—"Major questions of policy are for the Government to determine. It was announced in September last that when the report of the Committee had been received, the Government would consider along what lines, within the terms of the Mandate, the future policy of Palestine could be directed. That question the Government will consider, but I certainly am not prepared to say that their conclusions will not be affected by the report of the Committee."

Replying to further questions, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said after the Government had studied the report of the Committee they would consider whether to set up a Royal Commission in connexion with the future of Palestine or to give a decision themselves on the subject.—British Wireless.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO CHILE.

MR. HENRY CHILTON GETS THE APPOINTMENT.

London, Mar. 24. H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Mr. Henry Chilton, C.M.G., Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Holy See, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Santiago.

The elevation of the statue of British representative in Chile from that of Minister to that of Ambassador was recently announced.—British Wireless.

Mr. Chilton has been Minister to the Holy See since 1923, prior to which, for four years, he was Minister at Washington. He entered the Diplomatic Service in 1902 and has served at Vienna, Copenhagen, The Hague, Brussels and Rio de Janeiro.

NEW TOKYO RISES FROM ASHES.

EMPEROR'S INSPECTION OF RECONSTRUCTION.

Tokyo, Mar. 24. Brilliant weather favoured the Emperor's inspection of the reconstructed city of Tokyo.

It is estimated that nearly a million people turned out to line the route taken by his Majesty, many tens of thousands arriving from the country districts.

Apart from inspecting the general work of reconstruction, the Emperor visited a number of institutions, including the imposing new Earthquake Memorial Hall, which has been erected on the site of the former Army Clothing Depot, where over 30,000 refugees, who fled there for safety, were burned to death in a ghastly holocaust.

By way of precaution the police have temporarily kept in custody about 300 radicals since yesterday.

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NEW ZEALAND AIRMEN.

PIPER AND KAYE ARRIVE AT PORT DARWIN.

Port Darwin, Mar. 24. The airmen Piper and Kaye have arrived here.—Reuter.

Piper and Kaye, two New Zealanders, set out from London in an attempt to beat Hinkler's record for a flight to Australia, but owing to several mishaps, on the way the attempt failed. They left Croydon as long ago as February 9.]

Another Aspirant.

London, Mar. 24. A fifty-year-old New Zealander, named Parkerson, left Lympne in a light aeroplane to attempt to beat Hinkler's record flight to Australia, but crashed fifty miles from Paris.

He was uninjured, but his machine was wrecked.—Reuter.

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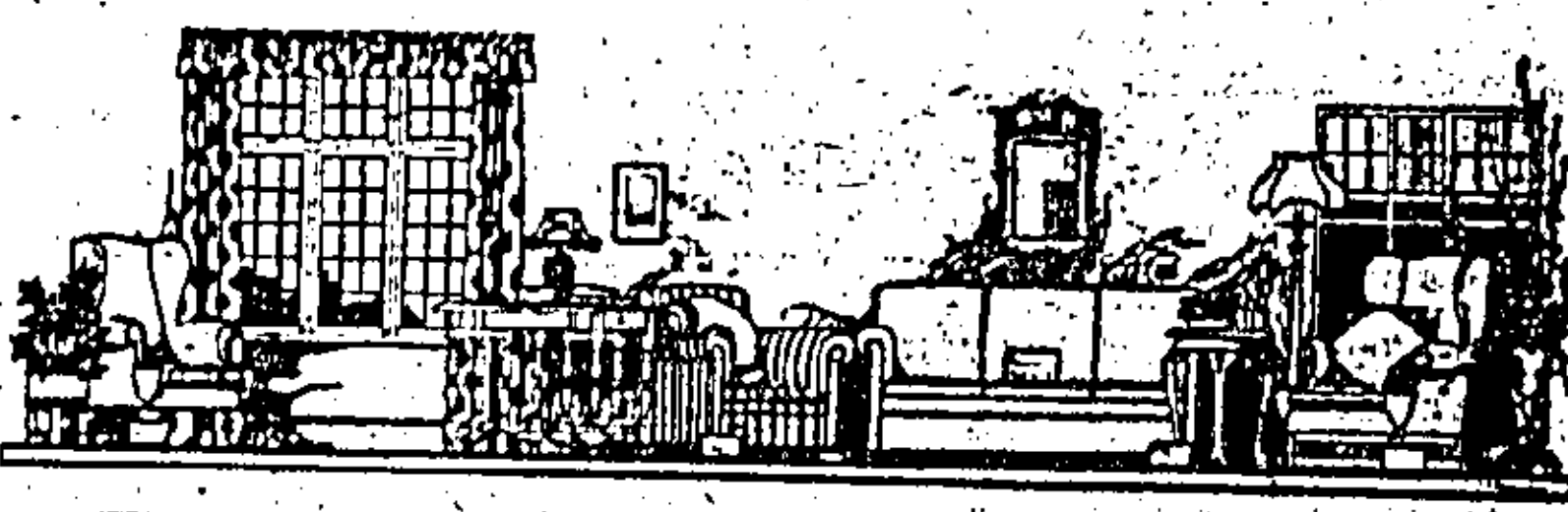
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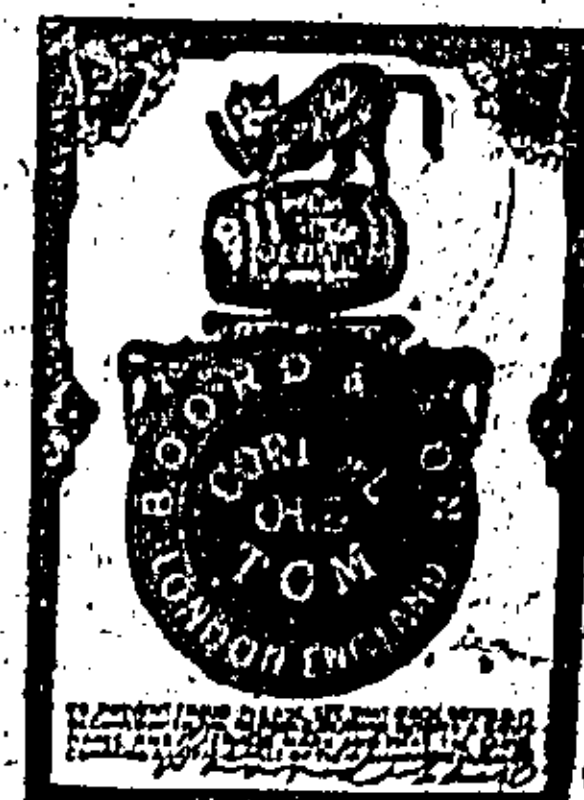
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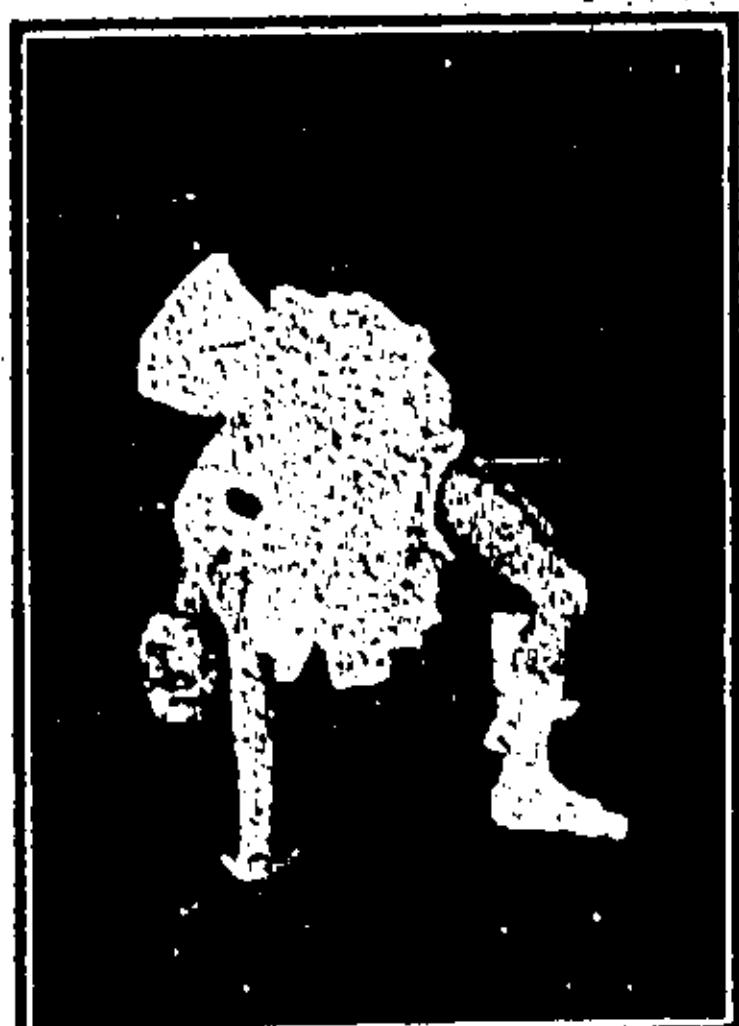
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TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

FINCHER BROTHERS DEFEAT CHINESE PAIR.

Playing tennis worthy of championship honours, the brothers E. C. and E. F. Fincher gained a smashing victory over M. W. and M. K. Lo in the doubles tournament yesterday, winning by 3 sets to 1.

After a shaky opening, the winners recovered so well as to dominate the exchanges, and, maintaining a severe pressure, finally ran the Lo brothers off their feet. They were both at the top of their form, E. C. making scarcely any mistakes in his volleying, whilst E. F. adopted the overhead smash with deadly effect. Their ground strokes, too, were generally speaking, well produced and they played to a definite line of attack.

The losers made a rather disappointing resistance. Their lobbing was too short, and overhead they were uncertain and tentative. M. W. Lo drove well in the opening stages, but he too became demoralised, and could do nothing right. The losers had their moments of brilliance, but they were too inconsistent and made enough blunders to assure the Finchers of success.

H. D. Rumjahn received a "walk-over" into the quarter semi-finals of the singles championship, his third round opponent, Luk Ding-cheung, scratching owing to an injured hand. F. A. Redmond advanced another stage in the Club championship, when he defeated A. H. Block in straight sets, and further progress was made in the handicap events.

To-day's matches include the replay singles contest between Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau, and will provide the stand court attraction. Yesterday's results were:

Open Championship Singles (third round).—H. D. Rumjahn v. Luk Ding-cheung.
Open Championship Doubles (third round).—E. C. and E. F. Fincher beat M. W. and M. K. Lo, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Club Championship (third round).—F. A. Redmond beat A. H. Block, 10-8, 6-2.
Handicap Singles "A".—F. W. J. Planner (rec. 5/6) beat R. H. Wild (rec. 2/6) 5-7, 10-8, 6-4. Dean Swann (rec. 2/6) beat S. L. Parsons (rec. 3/6) 6-3, 6-2.

To-day's Matches.

Open Championship Singles (third round).—Ng Sze-kwong v. Ho Ka-lau. (Stand Court).
Handicap Singles "B".—C. de Bruyn (rec. 4/6) v. H. Graves (rec. 4/6).
Handicap Doubles.—A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer (owe 15) v. Dr. Burton and J. R. Hinton (rec. 15).

GARRISON NEWS.

NAVAL TEAMS IN A HOCKEY MATCH.

Bridgewater defeated Sepoy on the Happy Valley ground yesterday afternoon at hockey. The winners scored once in the first half without reply, Sepoy and Bridgewater each registering once in the second session.

Teams:
Bridgewater.—Pruett, Northcott, Duffy, Northcott, Smith, Everett, Potter, Merritt, Brough, Tucker, Baskerville.
Sepoy.—Keefe, Green, Fallick, Whitehorn, Wilmshurst, Belcher, Miller, Crouch, Manns, McGoulman, S. L. Synott.

Bridgewater ran through the Sepoy defence from the start, Potter centring well for Brough to score a fine goal. Continued good play and combination kept the ball near the Sepoy goal for a long period, but the shooting was erratic, and several opportunities were missed. Corners were also brought to no advantage, and Sepoy managed to clear their lines and get away, though a sturdy defence prevented the forward getting near enough to the Bridgewater goal for a shot to have any effect. A good chance for the Sepoy forwards to get further ahead was missed when Miller centred the ball after a good run on the wing. The forwards were well up, but could not get on the ball, and the opportunity was lost. The remainder of the first half went in favour of Bridgewater, though no further score was made. Bridgewater resumed their pressing after the interval, but an off-side pulled up the forwards when in easy reach of the Sepoy goal. Sepoy broke away on the right again, and good work by Miller, who finally took a shot at goal, ended in the ball hitting the post and being cleared from the Bridgewater goal. A centre by Potter brought Bridgewater's second goal, one of the backs trying to clear but sending the ball through his own posts. Two short corners to Bridgewater were cleared, and Sepoy came down the field, for Manns to score with a good shot just before full-time.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI versus Ewo on the Club ground on Wednesday, kick-off at 4.45 p.m. sharp.—Stirling, Hill, Sloan, Punchedon, Massey, Hynes, Morhaus, Stoker, Peers, Smith and Pankhurst. Reserves:—Dobson and Hooper.

THE FANLING HUNT.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE APRIL MEETING.

There are five races on the programme for the April meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held on April 13. The events are as follows:

April Avoldupols Stakes.—1 Mile. Winner \$100; 2nd \$50. For China ponies that have started this season at Kwantl and have not won a steeplechase this season. Catchweights at 168 lbs.

Grand Military Steeplechase and Sassoan Cup.—1 1/4 Miles. For the Sassoan Cup, to remain the property of the winner for one year with replica presented; 2nd \$50.00; 3rd \$25.00. For China ponies the property of an Officer in H. M.'s Forces and/or a member of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. To be ridden by an Officer of H. M.'s Forces or a member of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one steeplechase 12 lbs. penalty, of three or more steeplechases 14 lbs. penalty.

The Summer Handicap.—1 1/4 Miles. Winner \$100; 2nd \$50. For China ponies. Fanling Champion Steeplechase and "Borderers" Cup.—1 1/4 Miles. For the "Borderers" Cup to remain the property of the winner for one year with replica presented; 2nd \$75; 3rd \$50. For China ponies that have started at Kwantl this season previous to this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale.

The Easter Maiden.—1 Mile. Winner \$100; 2nd \$50. For China ponies that have never won a Steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at this meeting allowed 5 lbs.

SIX-HOUR DAY PLEA.

AMERICAN WORKERS TO HOLD DEMONSTRATION.

New York, Mar. 24.
Representatives of several large trade unions have associated themselves with the Socialist Party in issuing a call for a demonstration on May Day to demand a six-hour day, the adoption of a federal system of unemployment insurance, and old age pensions. The demonstration will mean a cessation of work on May Day by 300,000 men and women.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1370 s.
Chartered Bank, \$182 s.
Mercantile A. & B., \$30 n.
East Asia \$99 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$785 b.
Union Ins., \$399 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$130 s.
China Fire, \$340 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$905 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$234 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$27 n.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats \$25 b.

Mining.
Benguets, \$6.65 b.
Kailans, 50/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raub, \$19 b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$147 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$33 b.
China Providents \$5.05 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 220 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.80 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 129 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.30 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 80 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.65 s.
H. K. Lands, \$67 b.
S'hai Lands Tls. 240 n.
Humphreys, \$14 n.
Realities, \$8.30 s.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$19.75 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$674 b.
China Lights, (Old) \$21 s.
H. K. Electric, \$672 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones \$11 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.50 b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- s.

Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10 n.
Canton Ice, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$14.40 b.
Ropes \$6 b.
United Asbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$201 s.
Watsons, \$11.40 n.
Der A. Wings, 80 b.
Lane Crawford, \$2.65 s.
Macintoshes, \$18 b.
Sinceres, \$12 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$284 b.
Constructions, \$1.30 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% n.
H. K. G. Loan 7% Prem. s.

ROTHERHAM LOSE TO NELSON.

TWENTIETH DEFEAT IN THE NORTHERN DIVISION.

HOME FOOTBALL.

London, Mar. 24.

Rotherham suffered their twentieth defeat in the league to-day, playing at home to Nelson. The results of two matches played, as cabled by Reuter, are appended with league tables:

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

Luton	3	Bristol Rov.	0				
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Brentford	33	23	4	5	81	33	50
Plymouth	31	20	8	3	69	29	48
Brighton	32	19	7	5	75	40	45
Southampton	33	18	4	11	59	41	40
Southend	33	13	12	8	54	40	38
Bournemouth	32	13	12	7	55	42	38
Norwich	33	14	5	10	70	39	37
Queens P.R.	33	14	9	10	58	53	37
Fulham	34	14	9	11	70	39	37
Crystal Pal.	34	14	8	12	64	36	36
Coventry	31	16	3	12	68	58	35
Luton	34	12	9	13	54	60	33
Exeter	34	11	8	15	56	55	30
Clapton O.	33	9	12	12	34	47	30
Swindon	33	9	11	13	54	58	29
Newport	32	9	9	14	54	62	27
Watford	34	10	7	17	42	63	27
Walsall	32	10	6	16	53	62	26
Torquay	32	7	8	17	49	72	22
Bristol R.	31	8	5	18	53	72	21
Gillingham	34	7	6	21	35	72	20
Merthyr	32	3	8	21	41	99	14

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

Rotherham	1	Nelson	2
	P. W. D.	L. F. A.	Pts.
Port Vale	33 24 5	4 83 29	53
Stockport	34 22 7	5 80 39	51
Darlington	35 18 5	12 61 61	41
Crewe	32 16 6	10 73 51	38
Chesterfield	33 17 4	12 60 47	38
York	33 11 15	7 60 45	37
Lincoln	33 11 14	8 57 46	36
Accrington	34 14 7	13 79 66	35
Hartlepool	33 13 9	11 63 58	35
Southport	34 11 12	11 84 56	34
Tranmere	34 13 8	13 73 68	34
New Brighton	34 14 5	15 59 66	33
Sth. Shields	34 13 7	14 54 63	33
Doncaster	33 12 8	13 52 66	32
Nelson	35 13 6	16 47 63	32
Carlisle	34 12 7	15 76 66	31
Rochdale	32 12 6	14 61 73	30
Wigan	35 11 6	18 57 75	28
Wrexham	33 8 8	17 46 70	24
Hullfax	36 8 7	21 37 69	23
Barrow	34 10 3	21 39 84	23
Rotherham	34 7 7	20 53 99	23

THE BOOKSHELF.

GOOD STORIES IN LATEST FICTION.

Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co., Ltd., continue to maintain a really excellent supply of modern fiction in their Colonial Library series, for which they command the services of many well-known writers.

In the latest batch to hand, a prominent place must be given to "Double or Quit," a mystery novel by E. Charles Vivian. The author has won for himself a reputation for skilful characterisation and well-conceived plots. In this book he is as good as ever. The theme touches the question as to how long a criminal can hold off the arm of the law. It is a murder story with unusual twists and turns, and it works up to a climax so admirably and vividly that interest is maintained to the very last page. A very well-written novel, distinctly above the average of its type.

"Out of the Depths."

Joseph Hocking needs no introduction to novel readers. He has the gift of making his characters stand out as though they were living beings, and there are few writers who know better than he does the country life of the West of England. "Out of the Depths" is his latest book, and it has a most uncommon theme. The story is one of a septic ex-convict who, through a series of contributory circumstances, impersonates the vicar of a small Cornish parish. How he finds his soul under the influences of his experiences and how he is at last forced by his conscience to confess the deception is told by the author in a manner peculiarly his own. For sincerity and beauty of treatment, it would be difficult to excel the manner in which the subject is handled. There is, of course, plenty of romance in the story, and in this sphere also the author is at his best.

"Falkland's Choice."

Paul Trent is one of the best-known writers of light fiction, and

in "Falkland's Choice" he well maintains his reputation. This is a tale of man's choice between the girl he loves and the daughter of a wealthy financier who is in love with him. The financier, knowing that his daughter's happiness is wrapped up in her love for Barry Falkland, attempts to bribe him into marriage with her, for which purpose he makes use of damaging knowledge concerning the wartime treason of Barry's father. The story is not new in idea, but it is well told with much good craftsmanship. The manner in which the problem is solved provides plenty of interest for the reader.

"Harden's Escape."

Another author who needs no introduction to the reading public is Harold Bindloss, whose latest novel, entitled "Harden's Escape," concerns the adventures of Lieut. Harden, who, released at the Armistice from a German by two non-coms from his battalion, who try to make him their accomplice in the drug traffic which they carry on at a London prison hospital, finds himself suspected of deserting in face of the enemy. His distress is exploited night club. Subsequently he finds himself an inmate of a private asylum, from which he manages to escape and gets away to Canada. What happens there must be left to the author to tell, in one of the most attractive novels he has ever written.

"The Secret Pearls."

There are plenty of thrills in "The Secret Pearls," by Ottwell Binn, who has won his spurs as one of the best writers of exciting stories. A pearling schooner is put aground on an atoll in the South Seas after wholesale murder has been committed on board, and later there appear on the scene the murderers in search of the pearls for which the crime had been committed, an innocent self-accused man who is attracted by morbidity, and the hero to establish the death of the husband of the woman he loves. There are many breathless moments before justice is done, and, once started, it is not easy to lay down the book. Apart from the well-conceived plot, the story is one of the best written of its type that we have encountered.



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HONGKONG TRADE OUTLOOK.

EXPORTS HANDICAPPED BY DISTURBED CONDITIONS.

DOLLAR FALL EFFECTS.

The report for 1929 of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has just been issued. Containing well over one hundred pages, the report details much of the work done during the year.

Currency problems, and the fall in the price of silver, with its effect upon the value of the silver dollar, have been the principal anxiety of the business community in Hongkong and the Far East for some months. The process of adjustment to changed, and ever-changing, conditions is painful, and the Committee has small comfort to offer. Export trade, which at least should eventually benefit by the exceptionally low exchange, is handicapped by disturbed conditions in South China provinces. Certain staple articles of export have not been available for several weeks at a time, exporters obtaining *force majeure* certificates in respect of contracts from the middle of November onwards. Apparently only peace, and a vastly improved standard of living in China, as the principal silver-using country of the world, can offer any prospect of permanent betterment of present conditions and that, unfortunately, is still a distant expectation. If the slump in silver promotes an earlier solution of China's political problems it may prove, in the long run, a blessing in disguise.

The general tenor of trade reports which various members of the Chamber have been good enough to supply, and which are included in this volume, is that business in most directions has been of smaller dimensions than usual. It is satisfactory to note that the compilation of trade statistics is about to be resumed by the Hongkong Government, so that in future it will be possible to follow the trend of trade and of competition with something like precision.

Vehicular Ferries.

With reference to previous discussions as to the practicability of establishing a vehicular ferry service between the Island of Hongkong and Kowloon on the mainland, the Colonial Government issued a statement early in 1930 to the effect that the question had recently received the further consideration of the Government, and it had been decided that, while it was desirable such a service should be instituted with a minimum of delay, it would be in the best interests of the Colony that responsibility for the construction and maintenance of the piers should be retained by the Government, and that the questions of building the necessary boats out of Government funds and of the most satisfactory method of running them, if so built, should be further explored. The methods of financing the construction of the piers and boats out of public funds were engaging the immediate attention of the Government.

Finances of the Chamber.

Income from subscriptions, at \$33,450, was slightly higher than in the previous year, the number of accessions to membership exceeding the withdrawals. The net income to the Chamber from arbitration and survey fees was \$6,374, as compared with \$6,430 last year. The total income on general account amounted to \$45,076.62, the surplus of income over expenditure being \$4,321.78. A non-recurring item of expenditure was that of \$2,395.43 for incorporation expenses. Other items on the expenditure side of the account are normal and call for no special comment. The General Reserve Account now stands at \$78,074.80 as compared with \$70,914.92 at the end of 1928.

The Chinese Language School has again been well supported, new classes for beginners being commenced twice in the course of twelve months, and each time in duplicate. Income from fees exceeded expenditure by \$2,838.10, so that a long-standing deficit has now practically disappeared.

The Salaries Commission.

The Government of Hongkong, by letter dated 30th October, 1929, forwarded for the consideration of the Chamber of Commerce the Report of the Salaries Commission, 1929, with a request for "any observations or representations which it may be desired to make thereon."

A Special Committee, consisting of the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Chairman), Mr. M. T. Johnson, and Mr. A. Ritchie (of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants), was appointed to go fully into the subject, and their report was later adopted by the General Committee as its considered views. Mr. Paul

Lauder, who was a member of the Commission and is a member of the General Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, dissociated himself from this decision. The thanks of the Chamber are due to the members of the Special Committee for the detailed consideration given to this question.

Meteorological Reports.

The Director of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, (Mr. T. F. Claxton F.R.A.S.) who attended a Conference of British Meteorologists held in London in August, 1929, forwarded to the Chamber on March 6, 1930, a memorandum on the subjects for discussion at the Conference and invited the comments of the shipping com-

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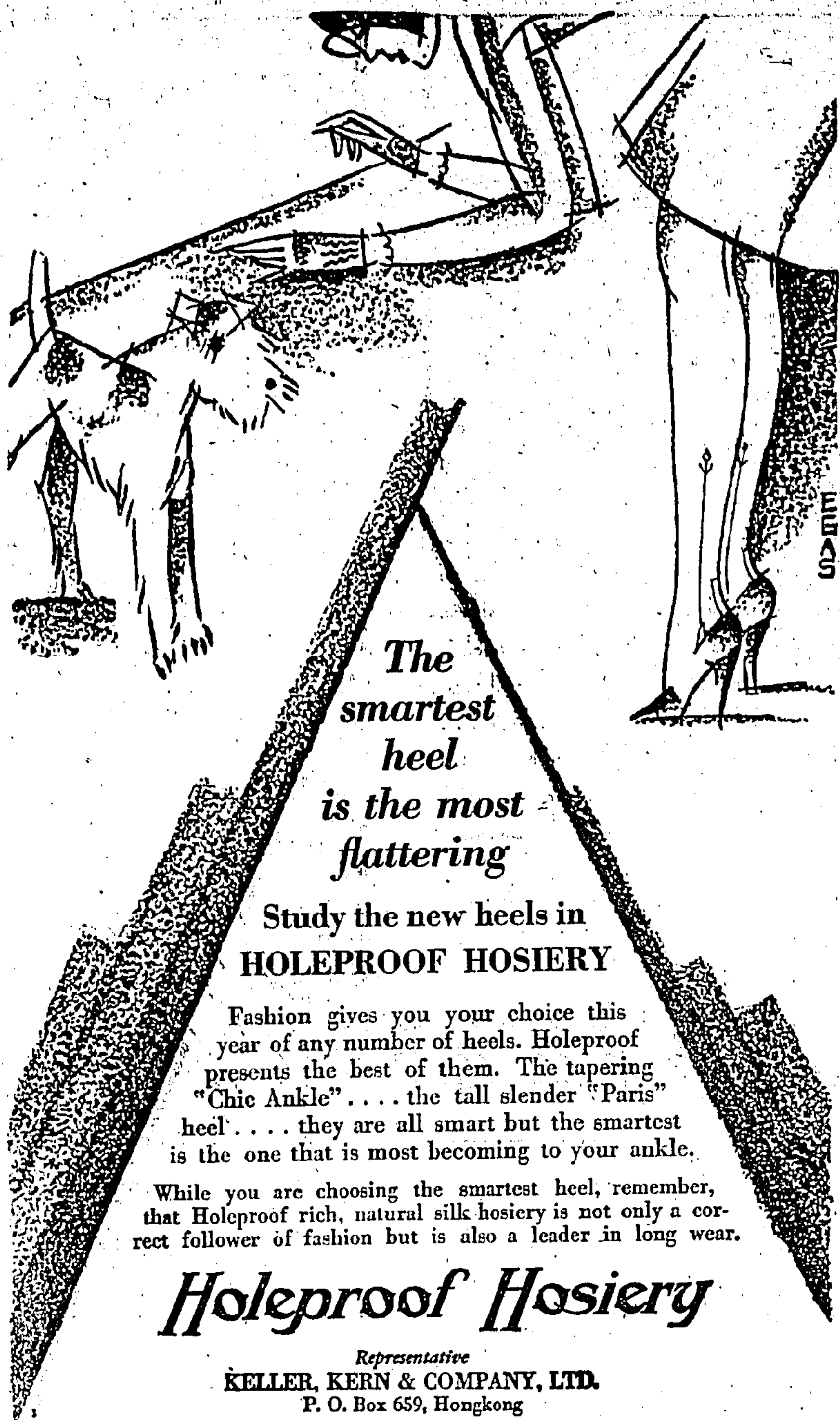
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HONGKONG TRADE OUTLOOK.

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lightly interfered with, even for the sake of uniformity. Any measures that could be taken to ensure fuller and more reliable and regular weather reports from both land and ship stations would receive the support of the Chamber. The establishment of a wireless and weather observing station on the Paracels, it was considered, would also be of great value.

Telephone Service.

Members addressed the Chamber in July on the question of charges for the "power circuit" in respect of the installation of new telephone switchboards which were understood to be necessary for the projected change to an automatic telephone service, enquiring whether it was in order that such charges should be made nine months before the intended change over to the automatic system, and asking for information as to the basis upon which the charge for "power circuit" was calculated. After enquiries had been made of the Telephone Company, the Chamber replied on July 23 stating that the installation at private branch exchanges of the new type of switchboards, which do away with the necessity of ringing up exchange by the old method of turning the handle, necessitated a "power circuit" and did not directly arise from the approaching installation of the automatic system, though it was necessary to the new system that the obsolescent type of switchboard should be scrapped. It was understood that the Telephone Company was graduating its charges for "power circuits" of private branch exchanges according to the size of the exchange. In this connexion, the scale of charges approved in 1926 provided for a maximum charge of \$81 per "power circuit" to a private branch exchange switchboard.

Insurance of Telephone Apparatus

A member addressed the Chamber in July on the subject of the responsibility of subscribers for insurance of telephone apparatus, enclosing copy of a circular issued to subscribers by the Telephone Company advising the insurance of installations against loss or damage and drawing attention to the paragraph appearing in the July 1929 Telephone Directory holding subscribers responsible for damage not occasioned by fair wear and tear. As a member of the Legal Sub-Committee of the Chamber, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton wrote a memorandum in which it was explained that subscribers who contracted with the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co. (predecessors of the Hongkong Telephone Co.) have a clear insurable interest for damage to apparatus on their premises occasioned by other than fair wear and tear, under the Section of the Telephone Ordinance of 1925 assigning to the Hongkong Telephone Co. the interests and benefits of all contracts existing between subscribers and the China and Japan Telephone and

Electric Co. So far as other subscribers were concerned, their insurable interest was limited to damage caused to apparatus on their premises and arising out of their own negligence. The only effective means of fixing liability for all damage not caused by fair wear and tear on subscribers who had not contracted with the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co. was for the Hongkong Telephone Co. to give notice to them discontinuing the existing service and at the same time informing them that if they wished the service to continue it would be on the strict understanding that they were liable for all loss or damage to telephone apparatus on their premises. If, after receipt of such a notice, subscribers were content to carry on with the service they would then be bound by that provision.

Fire Prevention During Water Shortage.

An acute water shortage prevailed in the Colony during the early part of the year—a condition which it is hoped will be obviated in future on completion of the pipe line bringing water across the harbour to Hongkong from Shing Mun on the mainland. During the summer the Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong took into consideration the question of fire protection during periods of restricted water supply, with special reference to a fire which occurred in June at No. 18 Cochran Street. At the request of the Association, the Chamber brought the following points to the notice of the Government:

- (1) Water was not procurable from hydrants for about 20 minutes after the arrival of the Fire Brigade.
- (2) The fire floats were not used, the reason being understood to be that it would have necessitated the interruption of traffic on three main roads.
- (3) Water pressure was reduced by the interference of people who seized the opportunity to obtain the unexpectedly available supplies at the street fountain.
- (4) Heavier demands were made upon the limited fresh water supply through not using the fire floats.

In writing to the Government on the subject, the Committee suggested that it might be possible to picket the area in which a fire occurred and to divert or hold up traffic, rather than use fresh water in times of water shortage to cope with outbreaks of fire near the water-front.

The Government's reply was that in the particular case mentioned, the fire floats could not have been used because the distance from the nearest point in the harbour to the scene was about 400 yards. To cover this distance and convey a sufficient quantity of sea water to the fire, it would have been necessary to use lengths of hose amounting to a total of no less than 3,200 yards, and the laying of these would have taken at least an hour. As it was, water was made available from the mains in twenty minutes and the fire was entirely extinguished in 1½ hours. The amount of fresh water used annually for fire fighting purpose in the Colony had never exceeded one million gallons a year, an extremely small fraction of the total consumption.

University Commercial Course Fund.

As the result of a circular appeal to British Members of the Chamber in 1926, sufficient funds were raised to enable a grant of \$12,000 a year to be made for three years to the Commercial Department of the University of Hongkong. The period of the guarantee having expired, a circular letter was issued on May 24, 1929, to enlist the sympathy and support of former, and possible future, subscribers to this Fund, which was inaugurated for the promotion of British trade interests through education of Chinese along British lines. In response to the appeal, a number of British firms pledged themselves to contribute annually for a further period of three years, and it was found possible, with the help of accumulated interest, to promise a contribution of \$10,000 per annum for the year 1929, 1930 and 1931.

Eitel's History of Hongkong.

Towards the end of the year the Committee considered the feasibility of promoting republication of Eitel's "History of Hongkong," which gives a historical survey of the early relations between Great Britain and China, followed by a detailed narrative of the events which led up to the cession of Hongkong and an intimate account of the Colony's affairs during the first forty years of its existence. As the original publishers, who were approached in the matter, considered that the demand would not justify their undertaking the publication on their own account, a circular was issued to test the demand for the book amongst members, with a view to re-issue for the account of the Chamber at a suggested retail price of \$10 per copy. Nearly 100 copies were spoken for, but the Committee decided that republication would not be justified until evidence of 200 probable sales was forthcoming.

LOCAL RADIO.

CHINESE LESSON & PLAY FOR TO-DAY.

To-day's Wireless Programme, Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 355 metres.

5.00-5.30 p.m. European Programme of Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie and Company.—"Irish Rhapsody," (Victor Herbert). Victor Symphony Orchestra. Direction of Nathaniel Shilkret.

"Faust—Air Des Bijoux (The Jewel Song)," (Gounod).

"Faust—Le Roi De Thula (The King of Thulo)," (Gounod).

Elizabeth Rethberg, Soprano with orchestra.

"Macushla," (Rowe-MacMurrrough-arr. Chomet).

"A Dream," (Charles B. Cory-J. C. Earlelett).

Violin solo with piano accompaniment by Anca Seidlova.

"Tango," (Albeniz).

"Aufschwung (Seating)," (Schumann, Op. 12, No. 2).

Wilhelm Bachaus, Piano solo.

5.30-6.00 p.m. Aunt Letty, Aunt Madge and Uncle Jack will entertain the children.

6.00-7.00 p.m. Record programme continued.—"The Bells of St. Mary's," (Transcription by Archer Gibson).

"Old Irish Air," (Transcription by Archer Gibson).

Archer Gibson, Grand Organ at Charles M. Schwab's New York Res.

"The Rogue Song," (Clifford Grey-Herbert Stohart).

"The Narrative," (Clifford Grey-Herbert Stohart).

Lawrence Tibbett, Baritone with orchestra.

"Sari Waltz," (Kalman).

"Wacz Dream," (Oscar Strauss).

International Novelty Orchestra.

"When I'm Looking at You," (Clifford Grey-Herbert Stohart).

"The White Dove," (Grey-Lehar-Stohart).

Lawrence Tibbett, Baritone with orchestra.

"The Stars and Stripes Forever—March," (John Philip Sousa).

"El Capitán-March," (John Philip Sousa).

Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

"Elegere Invisibile Bolero (Light Invisibile)," (Luigi Arditi).

"Der Erlkönig (The Erlking)," (Schubert, Op. 1).

Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Contralto with piano.

"The Church in the Wilderness," (Ar. Wm. S. Pitts).

"Speak, Lord, We Hear," (Edith Sanford Tillotson-L.H. Meredith).

The Tietze Sisters, Vocal trio with piano.

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7.00-7.30 p.m. 7th Lesson in Cantonese by Rev. H. R. Wells.

7.30-8.00 p.m. Experimental programme.

8.00 p.m. Chinese programme relayed from K. Shing Theatre until end of play.

9.00 p.m. Weather report.

FOX FILM FINANCIAL WAR EXTENDS.

VICE-PRESIDENT DEFECTS FROM CAMP.

New York, Mar. 24.

Mr. W.R. Sheehan, the vice-president of the Fox Film Corporation, has obtained an order of Court requiring Mr. William Fox to show cause why he should not be prevented from putting into effect the re-financing plan recently drawn up.

Mr. Sheehan has hitherto been regarded as one of Mr. Fox's intimates, hence his action is regarded as the first break in Mr. Fox's own camp, in the savage financial battle for control of the \$250,000,000 Fox Film enterprises.—*Reuters' American Service.*

[A New York message of March 6 stated that it was announced that the ballot of shareholders of the Fox Film Corporation had resulted in a vote of approval of a \$12,000,000 re-financing plan advocated by Mr. William Fox and the Banca America Blair Corporation banking group.]

SURVEY OF AMERICA'S BUSINESS.

A PRELIMINARY REPORT IS ISSUED.

Washington, Mar. 24.

Mr. Julius Barnes, the chairman of President Hoover's business survey conference, has published an estimate of the state of American business.

The report, which is based on data from almost every important business industry, expressly omits any conclusions. The gist of the report is that some early retarding factors, partly psychological, appear to have been gradually overcome. The data indicate that the importance laid on construction as an influence in restoring the industrial balance has not been over emphasized.

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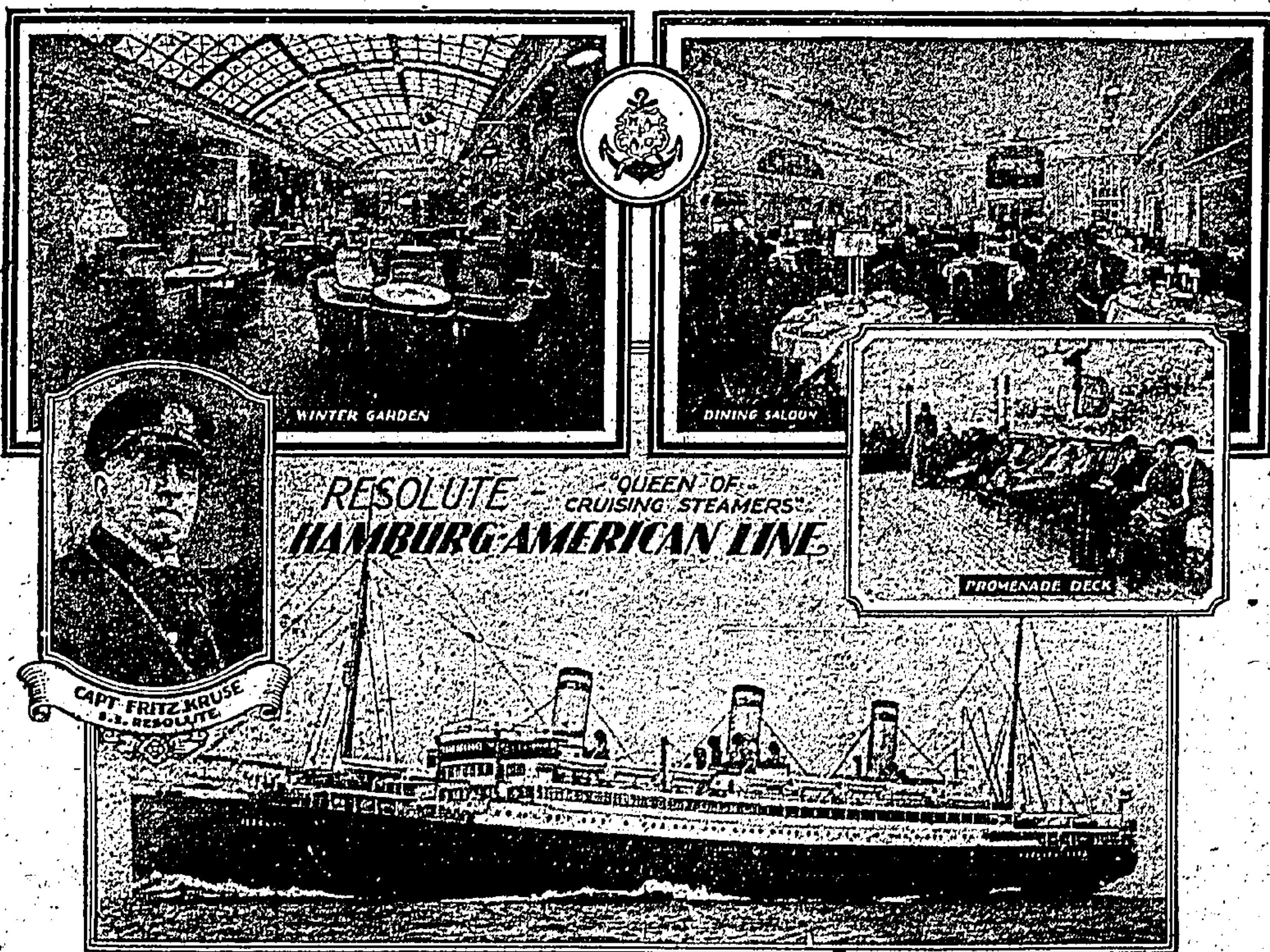
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After deducting all expenses, amounting to \$267,113.43, and providing for depreciation and Writing off of various Accounts, to the amount of \$77,364.83, it leaves a net profit of \$269,129.16.

The Board of directors proposes to deal with the amount as follows:

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POSTAL BAN LIFTED.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

The Chinese authorities' postal ban which was imposed on the Shanghai Evening Post on November 6, no reason being given at the time, was lifted to-day.—Reuter.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON PRAYA WEST.

CHINESE WOMAN KILLED BY MOTOR-CYCLE.

An Inquest was held by the Coroner (Mr. Lindsell) at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on Chang Tai, a married woman, who died at the Government Civil Hospital, on March 15, as the result of fatal injuries received through being knocked down by a motor-cycle, driven by Mr. George Merriman, a Revenue Officer.

The accident occurred at about 1 p.m. in Connaught Road West; and R. O. Merriman, who was returning to his office from the B.A.T. Godown at West Point, stated that he had slowed down to 12 or 14 miles an hour when he noticed a woman in the centre of the roadway. She appeared to be watching him as he approached, and if she had stood where she was, he would have missed her by two or three yards, going as he then was, along the left-centre of the roadway. At the last moment, however, she darted back towards the pavement from which she came, and was knocked down by the front wheel of the machine.

Witness was knocked off his seat. On regaining his feet, he found the woman lying on the ground in an unconscious condition. He recalled having told two Chinese in a motor-vehicle, which was then passing along, to take the woman to Hospital before he himself also became unconscious, not coming to until he was taken to Hospital.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said he had not taken any alcoholic drinks that morning.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Officer attached to the Government Civil Hospital, said the woman died from a fractured skull.

A street coolie, who witnessed the accident, told the Coroner

AMERICAN SCHOONER IN HARBOUR.

OWNER ARRIVES ON THE PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

Among the passengers who arrived in Hongkong on the President McKinley yesterday was Capt. Melville, the owner of the American schooner Kaimiloa, which now lies moored at Buoy B 50, Wanchai.

The Kaimiloa entered the harbour on Sunday afternoon, this being her first visit to the Colony.

It is understood that Capt. Melville has just sold the Kaimiloa and the new owner, who is due here some time later, will take delivery of the vessel in Hongkong. The Kaimiloa will remain in port for about four weeks.

She is now under the command of Capt. A. Peters with a crew of 12 Europeans and three Asiatic seamen. She left Los Angeles on February 2 and came direct to Hongkong.

that both parties were at fault, but when asked to be more explicit, said: "It is wrong to knock down and kill a person." He admitted that the R.O. was going along at an average speed.

Chan Ng-bo, the driver of the lorry which took the victims of the accident to the Hospital, said that if the woman had not turned back the accident would not have occurred.

A son of the deceased woman said his mother was rather defective in hearing and eyesight.

Acting Sub-Inspector Saunders said he took a statement from the woman before she expired, but it was not clear. He drove a motor-cycle himself, and in his view, a speed of 20 miles was reasonable and safe along that stretch of the Praya.

The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death." No blame was attached to R.O. Merriman for the accident.

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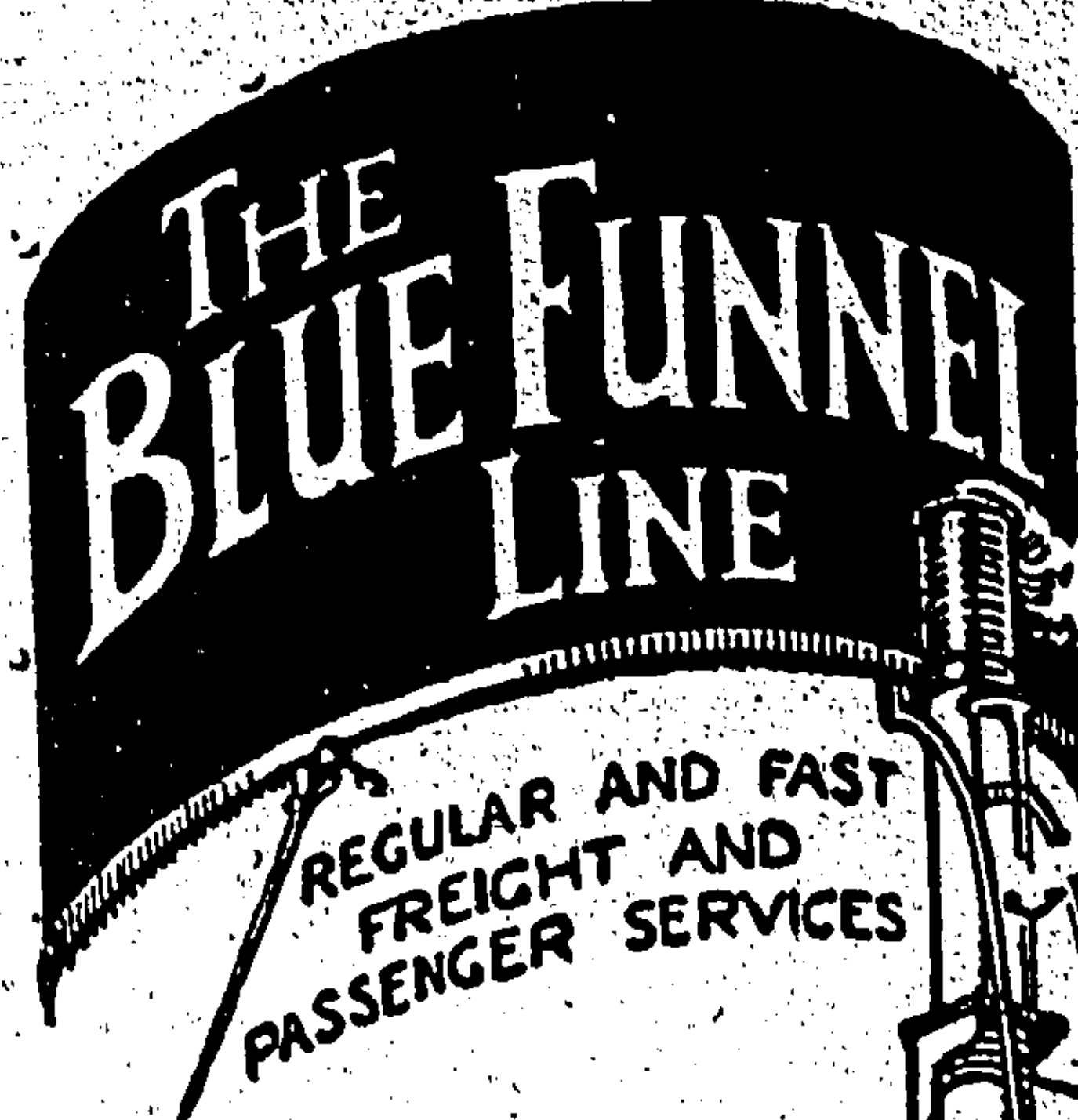
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The annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce says that many intricate problems are involved in these proposals, and in February, 1929, the General Committee obtained the assistance of a Technical Committee which undertook their examination in detail in upwards of thirty meetings continuing during the ensuing twelve months. The Technical Committee consists of—

Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chief Manager, Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., Mr. F. J. Shervell, Shipyard Manager, Taikeo Dockyard & Engineering Co. Ltd., Captain A. C. Kennedy, Marine Superintendent, Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., Mr. F. W. James, Superintendent Engineer, China Navigation Co., Mr. T. S. Morrison, Surveyor to Lloyd's Register,

Mr. R. Hunter, Surveyor to the British Corporation Register of Shipping and Aircraft, (since resigned on departure from the Colony), Mr. T. H. C. Brayfield, Marine Surveyor (who joined the Committee after the first meeting), Captain D. Skinner, who acted for Captain Kennedy on several occasions during the latter's absence, and is continuing on the Committee since Captain Kennedy's departure for home, on retirement.

The Technical Committee has accomplished the first part of its labours by preparing lists of suggested amendments to the Board of Trade handbooks above referred to, in so far as they affect coastal passenger steamers. These have now been forwarded to the Colonial Government, and if they are found to be in the main acceptable it is expected that adaptation of the rules to river steamers and other classes of local craft will be a comparatively simple matter.

The General Committee desires to take this opportunity of conveying, on behalf of the Chamber in general, and the shipping community in particular, very high appreciation of the valuable and onerous labours which the members of the Technical Committee, and the Drafting Subcommittee thereof, have performed for the general benefit of shipping in the port.

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MACCABEAN PERIOD
OF PALESTINE.HISTORY OF THE JEWS TWO
THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

The Maccabean period in the history of Palestine provided Professor W. Brown with interesting material for a lecture which he delivered to members of the Arts Association of the Hongkong University, last night. The subject was treated in a general way, and was greatly appreciated by the large number of people present.

The speaker said that the word Maccabean was derived from Judas Maccabeus, the name of a man who lived during the second century B.C., and who was the hero of the Jewish revolt against Syrian oppression, yet it was rather strange that this period was not mentioned in the Old Testament, which was a history of the Jews. The omission was explained by the lecturer, who traced the activities of the Jews from the time of their repeated deportations to foreign soil following political domination to their subsequent return to the country after seventy years absence.

There was a total lack among the Jews of originality except in religion alone. They did not show any objection to political domination provided their religion was left alone. On their return to Palestine they cleared up the city and rebuilt their temple which had been destroyed. They collected together all their chief literature for preservation in the form of the Old Testament. They despised the present and glorified the ancient past, with the result that literature written later than about 440 B.C. was not easily admitted to the sacred library, and that was why the Old Testament contained no reference to the Maccabean period.

Period of Culture.

Prof. Brown traced the history of the country through the period of the travels and conquests of Alexander the Great, and commented upon the marvellous intellectual output of Greece and the introduction into Palestine of theatres, gymnastics, etc. Although the Jews were always more concerned with their religion than with political extinction, a rebellion arose after their temple had been looted and desecrated by Antiochus.

After referring to the able leadership of Judas Maccabeus, the speaker mentioned that this period should be of interest to young Chinese because of the same problem of East meeting West. Western culture which young China was so busy absorbing today had its ancient homes in Greece, Rome and Palestine. In the Hongkong University were taught various subjects which either originated in Greece or Rome.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Prof. Brown was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

MR. VAN LEAR BLACK.

ARRIVAL AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Mar. 24. Mr. Van Lear Black landed at 3.40 this afternoon after an uneventful flight from Hongkong. He is staying in Shanghai five days, then going on to Tokyo, Manchuria and Siberia.—*Reuter.*

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are requested to take delivery of Flour, and Lumber shipments as soon as the vessel is ready to discharge and are hereby notified that if their lighters are not placed alongside the steamer as required, their shipments will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, at their expense, where the cargo will lie also at their risk and expense and subject to the terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. Steamer will commence discharge on the 22nd March.

General cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to the terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after 22nd March.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all General Cargo remaining undelivered after the 28th March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 11th April, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1930.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR
AUGUSTINE HENRY.

London, Mar. 24.

The death occurred this morning of Professor Augustine Henry, M.A., F.R.S., etc., a retired official of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Service.—*Reuter.*

Professor Henry was born on 2nd July 1857, and educated at Queen's Colleges, Galway and Belfast, and was an M.A. of Cambridge and Royal University, Ireland. He married in 1908, Alice Helen, the eldest daughter of Sir Lander Bruntton, Bart.

On his retirement from the Customs Service in which he served from 1882 to 1900, he took up the study of Forestry at Nancy in France, afterwards becoming a reader in Forestry at Cambridge University, from 1907 to 1913, and Professor of Forestry at the Royal College of Science at Dublin, from 1913 to 1926.

Professor Henry explored the Flora of the interior of China, Formosa, and Hainan, and introduced to the world the "Lillium Henryi", and several other Chinese plants.

His travels took him through the forests of North America, Algeria, Corsica, Italy, the Balkan States, Spain and France, and the data he collected have been recorded in a number of well known horticultural and scientific publications.

In conjunction with Mr. J.H. Elwes, F.R.S., he produced a standard forestry work entitled "Trees of Great Britain and Ireland". He also wrote "Forest Trees and their relation to Hygiene." His home was in Dublin.

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are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 24th March.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st March will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 14th April or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1930.

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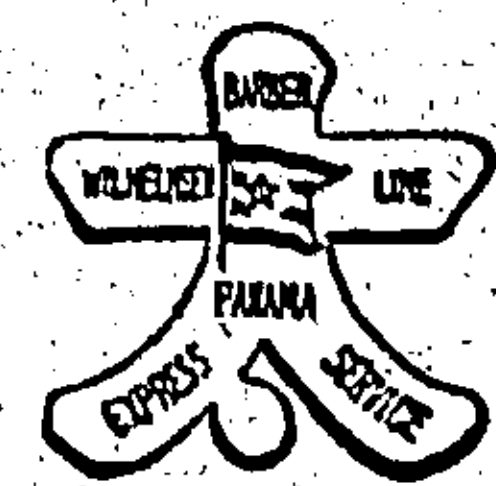
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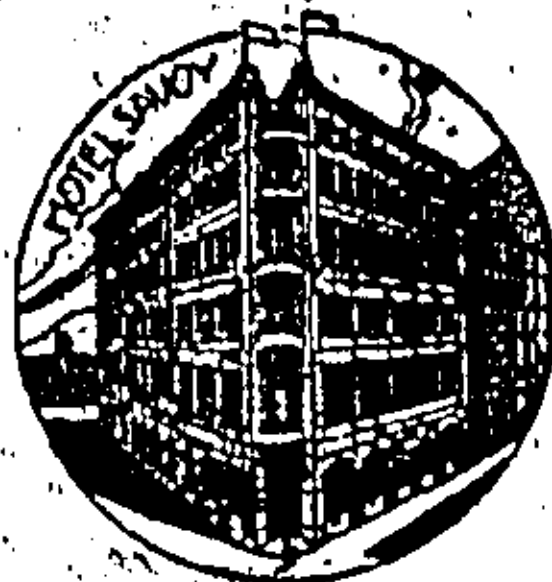
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GRAND NATIONAL CALAMITY.
SCRATCHING OF FAVOURITE DEMORALISES.
PUNTERS BADLY HIT.

London, Mar. 24.
The scratching of Easter Hero, the Grand National favourite, has caused a sensation in racing circles. The betting on the race has twice been upset, first by an accident to Easter Tero, and then by the poor showing of Gregalach, last year's winner.

Easter Hero had only just been restored to favouritism when the effects of his mishap returned and occasioned the scratching.

The ups and downs in the betting on the Grand National has provided an unhappy inauguration of the flat race season for punters, who after already losing thousands of pounds sterling on Spring Doubles to bookmakers—by the scratching of the popularly fancied Lincolnshire candidates, Vatout, Corduroy, and Le Phare—will now be finally routed.

Hopes had been dashed and then revived. After an encouraging report of yesterday's gallop and the re-hoisting of Easter Hero into the position of favourite, came the news in less than an hour afterwards, that he would be scratched.

The incidents of the past few days constitute one of the most demoralising pages of ante-post betting in history.

The Grand National on Friday, which will be watched by the customary huge cosmopolitan crowd, will now be a complete riddle to punters, with Gregalach, Sir Lind-say and Grakle well-favoured.—*Reuter.*

MIXED SIGNATURE ALLEGATIONS.

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referring to property of his own people.

That was your belief?—I say since the property was really my own for which I had received no money, I have power to do so.

Plaintiff agreed that he leased the property for five years in 1927 and he signed the lease with the names Li Kan and Li Nga-ching, but added that Li Nga-ching had no right to the property.

Signing of Son's Name.

What right have you to sign any man's name without his authority or knowledge?—But that is my son.

You signed in the presence of Mr. M. W. Lo?—Yes.

Plaintiff added he did not know if Mr. Lo actually saw him sign the two names and he would not like to say that Mr. Lo knew there was only one lessor who signed two names.

His Lordship remarked he could not understand it. There was a statement that Mr. Lo, a responsible solicitor, had witnessed two signatures. Did the plaintiff say that that was a false statement by Mr. Lo? Surely, he (plaintiff) could not mean that.

Plaintiff said that Mr. Lo was present but he (plaintiff) spoke to the interpreter and told him he had signed both names.

Plaintiff further agreed that he signed both names on the memorial when registered. The case is proceeding.

CAPTAIN AUCLERC RELEASED.

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give him a horse and allow him to complete the journey alone.

But Captain Auclerc, his native diplomacy sensing a possible fresh complication and danger to himself, insisted on being escorted. He refused to go alone, and finally had his way, while consenting to being concealed, whenever the occasion demanded it, from the observation of other Chinese met on the way.

Ransom Paid.

His escort returned his uniform, before formally handing him over to General Menerat and Captain Barlingue, at Langson. The General Officer Commanding the French garrison of this important border town, then handed \$20,000, the amount agreed upon for the ransom, to the leader of the escort, who with his men then quickly rode away.

The safe return of Captain Auclerc took place on the day following the brief engagement between the military detachment previously sent out by the French authorities to await the arrival of Captain Auclerc at a prearranged spot, and a force of armed Chinese.

HANKOW BRITISH PROTESTS.

ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF PROPERTY.

OUTSPOKEN REMARKS ON AN "INCREDIBLE SCANDAL."

ACTION SUGGESTED.

Hankow, Mar. 18.
Strong protests were made at the annual Ratepayers' Meeting against the continued illegal occupation of British property by the Chinese authorities. Considerable difficulty was experienced in proceeding with the agenda, due to delays caused by Chinese ratepayers anxious to deal with the question of nominations for the Council.

The main point of interest in the meeting was reached when Mr. A. E. Marker rose to move his resolution on the subject of the Tung Fung Lee case.

Strong Protest.

The resolution read as follows: "That this meeting of Ratepayers desires to place on record its strongest protest against the continued failure of the Chinese authorities to restore to the proper owners and/or the mortgagees the property situated in the 3rd S.A.D. known as the Tung Fung Lee and to assure the Bureau of its full support in any steps which it may be found possible to take to procure the return of this property."

Alternatively with a view to giving the matter the widest publicity it authorizes the Bureau to institute legal proceedings against the registered owner for non-payment of rates, taxes and water charges.

Deplorable Situation.

Mr. Marker commenced his speech by regretting that it should be necessary to draw attention to so deplorable a situation in a democratic municipality. The registered owner of this property, he pointed out, is a British subject, Mr. F. S. Reynolds, and the beneficial owner is the Tung Fung Lee Co. The property is also mortgaged to a British subject for \$80,000.

When the Nationalist Government of 1927 confiscated "enemy properties" this property was confiscated without the slightest regard for the rights of the mortgagees. It was commonly understood that instructions had been given by the highest authorities that the property must be returned by those who now occupy it without a vestige of right, but no attention whatever is paid to these orders.

Chen-O'Malley Agreement.

Mr. Marker continued to say that a vital clause of the Chen-O'Malley agreement provided that individual property rights were to be recognised, and if this violation of that clause should succeed, there was no guarantee that similar incidents would not arise in future, since precedent rather than law seemed to rule in China.

Beyond this, Mr. Marker drew attention to the fact that the illegal occupiers of the property refused to pay the rates and their water bills, so that the ratepayers were losing about \$10,000 a year.

Incredible Scandal.

This, he said, was an incredible scandal. And the more so because, if these arrears of taxation were recovered, there would have been no need to impose a special rate to pay for the building of the new Bund.

Speaking with his usual incisiveness Mr. Marker said: "It is a first principle of any government that those in authority uphold their own laws by holding themselves amenable to them. We therefore call upon those in authority to uphold our constitution and once and for all to terminate this scandal. We know that the Chinese authorities are themselves opposed to this act of injustice. But that is not sufficient. We must induce them to espouse our cause and to force this clique of recalcitrant subordinates to respect national obligations honourably undertaken."

Action Suggested.

Mr. Marker also urged that if necessary the matter should be brought before the public by instituting an action against the registered owner for recovery of the sums due to the Council, as the reason for the failure to pay would then be made clear.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. Rasmussen.

Mr. R. Pontet questioned the wisdom of the second part of the resolution because persons not aware of the spirit of the resolution might think that the landlord was responsible for the taxes though deprived of the occupation of his property.

Mr. Dixon and Mr. Marker sympathized with this view but urged that the risk of such a misunderstanding of the purpose of the resolution was not serious.

The resolution was adopted with only three dissentients.

FATE OF GENERAL KOUTEPOFF.

REPORTED TO BE IN MOSCOW PRISON.

ABDUCTION IN PARIS.

Paris, Mar. 24.
French interest has been aroused in the sensational abduction of General Koutepoff, who was kidnapped in the streets of Paris by Soviet agents at the end of January, and smuggled out of the country, by a report to the effect that the General at present is in prison in Moscow.

According to the newspaper *La Liberte*, General Koutepoff is in Lubianskaia Prison. The paper declared that he was embarked on a small steamer at a quiet spot along the French coast near Houlgate and taken to Russia, in conformity with the Soviet Government's intention to arraign him and some of his coadjutors, with the object of proving that the French Government is implicated in an anti-Soviet conspiracy.—*Reuter.*

The newspaper *Izvestia* recently declared that a continuation of the French Government's policy of passiveness, connivance, and indirect encouragement of the campaign against the Soviet Embassy 'naturally creates the impression that M. Tardieu's Government is allowing itself to be influenced by Russian White Guards.

"In Paris," the newspaper continues, "the dark forces of anti-Soviet reaction enjoy full freedom of action, and open preparations are being made for a new crusade against the U.S.S.R., the French Government standing by, completely inactive."

"We are compelled to raise in all seriousness the question for consideration by the Government of Tardieu and Briand: does the French Government prefer co-operation with the White Guard emigres to the maintenance of diplomatic relations with the Government of the U.S.S.R.?"

ARMY ESTIMATES DEBATED.

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China Policy.

Referring to British forces in China, Mr. Shaw said that the Government's policy in China was sympathetically to watch the efforts of China to establish her own form of government.

The British Government would act in a friendly way with the Powers to make arrangements to secure the safety of their people in a self-governing China.

Left Wing Amendment.

A member of the Left Wing of the Labour Party, Mr. William Cove, moved a resolution, expressing the opinion that all military preparation for warfare was wasteful, serving only the needs of a capitalist imperialism. He demanded a policy of extensive annual reductions in military forces and the immediate withdrawal of all state grants for the maintenance of Officers Training Corps, and Cadet Corps.

The amendment was defeated by 274 votes to 21.

Conservative's Little Joke.

In the course of the debate, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, ex-Minister for War, declared that he was not surprised to find Mr. Shaw a little "sketchy" in dealing with Singapore, as the Malay States were contributing \$92,000 and New Zealand \$29,000, while only \$33,000 was being spent. Mr. Shaw, therefore, had acquired a profit of \$88,000 towards general Army expenditure.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Estimates Agreed.

London, Mar. 25.

The debate on the Army Estimates lasted until two o'clock this morning when the votes were agreed.

On the vote for work, Mr. C. Waterhouse (Con. South Leicester) asked whether the reduction in the amount for Singapore represented any change in policy.

Mr. Shinwell replied that undoubtedly there had been a change in policy. The Government were slowing up operations at Singapore.

Asked if there had been any cancellation of work, or whether they were only retarding work, Mr. Shinwell said that certain items of expenditure had been cancelled.—*Reuter.*

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